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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	9:32 a.m.
3	MS. BROWN: I'm Susan Brown, Project
4	Manager for this proceeding. This is a two-year-
5	long effort by the Energy Commission and the Air
6	Resources Board Staff to address the requirements
7	of Assembly Bill 2076.
8	About a year ago we issued a number of
9	technical reports. I believe it was in March
10	2002. We have updated versions of those reports
11	out in the lobby on the table.
12	But today really what we'd like to do is
13	ask the parties to focus on the summary report
14	that will be discussed in detail in the staff
15	presentation in just a few moments.
16	So the purpose really of today's
17	workshop is to allow the staff to interact with
18	you and to present our key findings and
19	recommendations. A separate hearing has been
20	scheduled for June the 6th that is a Friday;
21	that's three weeks from Friday at the ARB in
22	the Sierra Hearing Room to obtain official
23	testimony, oral testimony and written comments.
24	So I want to make that very clear from
25	the onset, that today is really our chance to

1	brief you on what the staff has done and why; an
2	why we've chosen the recommendations we have; an
3	the goals that we're recommending.
4	So, you should have a copy of the

So, you should have a copy of the agenda. It's very brief. I have a few other announcements to make, and then I'm going to ask Dan Fong to make a staff presentation, which will last probably about 45 minutes, on the overview of the report, the recommendations, and the recommended goals.

And I'd ask that if you do want to speak or ask questions that you wait until the end of Dan's presentation; that you identify yourself for the record; and please spell your name for the benefit of the court reporter; and leave us a business card.

I should also mention that this workshop is being transcribed, so there will be a transcript available approximately two weeks after this workshop. We'll also have opportunity for public comment on June 6th at the Committee hearing.

I should also explain that at that hearing Commissioners Jim Boyd and John Geesman will preside and ARB Chairman Alan Lloyd will also

1 be present. So that is your opportunity to really

- 2 provide your testimony and your support or
- 3 opposition or comments on the overall proceeding
- 4 to both agencies in one forum.
- 5 So, with that, are there any questions
- on the hearing or the logistics or what we're
- 7 trying to accomplish today? Yes. Come to a mike,
- 8 I'm sorry, and identify yourself for the record
- 9 and spell your name.
- 10 MR. KOEHLER: Tom Koehler, Kinergy
- 11 Resources. K-o-e-h-l-e-r. So that the process is
- today and then the hearing in June. What happens
- 13 between today and then?
- 14 MS. BROWN: You have the opportunity to
- 15 review the report that we're talking about today,
- the 20-page summary report. We're also making
- 17 available the underlying technical appendices
- 18 which the staff has been working on for over two
- 19 years.
- So, really we're looking for your input
- on the summary recommendations and the goals at
- 22 the June 6th hearing. So our work is essentially
- on hold until we hear from you. We set June 6th
- as the deadline for comments, written comments, on
- 25 the report.

1	So this is your opportunity to ask
2	questions of the staff on what we've done and how
3	we've done it. And many of you have been with us
4	for the last year and a half, two years. For
5	those of you who are new, we're happy to talk with
6	you after the workshop. Or if you have specific
7	questions, raise them today. This is really your
8	opportunity to ask the staff questions about the
9	recommendations, the goals and the underlying
10	technical work. Does that help?
11	MR. KOEHLER: Yeah, so you won't be
12	making any changes until after June 6th?
13	MS. BROWN: That is correct. Okay?
14	With that I'm going to ask the panel first to
15	introduce themselves, starting with Gerry.
16	MR. BEMIS: Sure. My name is Gerry
17	Bemis on the technical staff; I work for Susan.
18	MR. WUEBBEN: I'm Paul Wuebben; I'm a
19	clean fuels officer with the South Coast Air
20	Quality Management District. And I'm also on loan
21	for this project as a transportation energy
22	adviser for the Air Resources Board.
23	MR. CACKETTE: I'm Tom Cackette; I'm the
24	chief deputy to the ARB.
25	MS. TUTT: I'm Eileen Tutt, staff person

- 1 at the Air Resources Board.
- 2 MR. FONG: Dan Fong with the California
- 3 Energy Commission.
- 4 MS. BROWN: And if there are no
- 5 questions at this point I'm going to turn the
- 6 presentation over to Dan Fong.
- 7 MR. FONG: Thank you.
- MS. BROWN: While he's getting ready,
- 9 there are copies of the PowerPoint presentation in
- 10 the back on the table for those of you who'd like
- 11 to take a copy back with you.
- 12 MR. FONG: They told me if I pressed the
- 13 right button we could actually see a "Matrix
- 14 Reloaded" here, but --
- 15 (Laughter.)
- MR. FONG: -- that's probably not going
- 17 to happen.
- 18 So this morning I'll briefly touch upon
- 19 these topics in our presentation. We'll review
- 20 some of the requirements that directed the staff
- 21 through legislation that was enacted in the year
- 22 2001, AB-2076.
- We will briefly review the basecase fuel
- 24 demand forecast that was required by the
- legislation. We'll touch upon some of the

petroleum reduction options that we evaluated in
developing our recommendations.

We'll summarize some of the key

technical results; discuss the recommendations

that we're providing to our policymakers. And

then briefly go through some next steps.

In AB-2076 the Energy Commission was directed to produce a forecast for gasoline, diesel and petroleum consumption in the years 2010, 2020 and at least through 2030.

The Energy Commission and the Air
Resources Board would then produce and issue a
joint report to the Governor and Legislature.
This report would contain a recommended strategy
for reducing the state's petroleum dependence.
That strategy would also include statewide goals
for reducing the rate of growth in petroleum
fields consumption.

Another major element of this legislation was directed to the Commission, as well. We were required to examine the feasibility of operating a strategic fuel reserve. That effort, however, is being considered under a separate proceeding being conducted by the Energy Commission.

1	On this graphic we show some historical
2	fuel demand numbers as well as the forecast that
3	was produced by the Energy Commission Staff. In
4	roughly the year 2003/2004 you'll see that our
5	gasoline demand is approximately 15 billion
6	gallons a year. That's well over one billion
7	gallons a month. That demand is expected to grow
8	by at least a third by the year 2020.
9	The two other major fuel components that
10	we derive from the use of petroleum are jet fuel
11	and diesel. Our report, however, will not address
12	jet fuel. And as it turns out the two primary
13	fuels that we'll be looking at are gasoline and
14	diesel. Those two fuels comprise roughly 75
15	percent of our total petroleum fuels demand.
16	Our analysis shows that there is this
17	serious growing gap between the state's fuel
18	supply, capacity and its energy, transportation
19	energy demand.
20	On this particular graphic we show this
21	growing gap, that over time this gap increases.
22	And so one of the key questions that we're

growing gap, that over time this gap increases.

And so one of the key questions that we're

attempting to answer is how might the state best

meet that gap. Should it be through some strategy

to reduce the demand through some field

1	displacement of	options,	or should	we rely	solely	on
2	the import of	refined	products.			

The work was split up between the Air
Resources Board and the Energy Commission as
follows: Task 1 corresponds to appendix A, which
is available in the lobby. That work was led by
the Air Resources Board and they evaluated the
environmental benefits of reducing gasoline and
diesel fuel demand.

In task 2, which corresponds to appendix B, the Energy Commission produced its forecast for California's petroleum fuels demand as required by the legislation.

In task 3, that corresponds to appendix C, the Energy Commission documents the cost/ benefit analysis that it conducted in evaluating a variety of petroleum reduction options.

And then finally, in task 4, which is appendix D, the Energy Commission and the Air Resources Board jointly prepared a summary document. And then produced recommendations for a goal and an overall strategy.

Some of the petroleum reduction options we evaluated are summarized on this slide. They were broken up into four primary groups. The

first group includes vehicle and fuel efficiency

- options. And we sort of name a variety of those
- options. This is not the total number of options,
- 4 just some of the selected ones. And for greater
- 5 detail you should really consult the technical
- 6 appendices.
- 7 The second group is our fuel
- 8 substitution options. These are primarily non
- 9 petroleum based fuels. And again we list some of
- 10 the options that we evaluated. Again, there are
- additional options that go beyond the list that we
- 12 show on this slide.
- The third group are a set of financial
- incentive mechanisms which we call pricing
- options. These options tend to influence consumer
- 16 choice. Again, this is just a short list of those
- 17 cases that we evaluated.
- 18 And then finally in the last group we
- 19 lumped or combined a number of different
- 20 mechanisms to reduce petroleum fuel demand. They
- 21 include some mode choices that I think most of you
- 22 are familiar with. Again, greater detail on these
- options can be found in our technical appendices.
- Some of the key analysis inputs that we
- used in our analysis are as follows: The Energy

1	Commission,	in	its	fuel	price	forecast,	developed

- 2 a long-term average petroleum cost of \$22.50 a
- 3 barrel. This was used throughout the analysis
- 4 period for our work.
- 5 This led to a projected retail price of
- 6 gasoline in the range of \$1.47 to \$1.81. This
- 7 range is based upon a mid point price of \$1.64.
- 8 We applied some statistical analysis to generate
- 9 one standard deviation to that mid point price,
- and that led us to this range of \$1.47 to \$1.81.
- 11 A similar method was applied for diesel
- 12 fuel. And as you can see, for the California
- 13 regular unleaded that we modeled it's basically
- 14 the same retail price as California diesel fuel.
- 15 Our fuel demand forecast was initially
- 16 conducted out to the year 2020. We then
- 17 extrapolated those results beyond that 2020
- 18 original end point.
- 19 We used existing regulations and tax
- 20 rates in our cost/benefit analysis. For example,
- 21 there's a current tax rate for ethanol fuels. We
- 22 maintain that tax rate throughout the analysis
- 23 period, even though in the year 2007 that federal
- tax rate is supposed to sunset.
- We also employed a societal perspective

1	on the expenses and benefits that come from these
2	reduction options. We used a discounting rate of
3	5 percent which means that expenses and benefits

that occur in the future are discounted.

We only looked at onroad vehicles in terms of the fuel demand and the different petroleum reduction options. And we also assumed that there would be no new California refineries.

The next few slides will review some of the key results of our analysis. Clearly one of the key results is that improvements in vehicle fuel economy not only produce very positive cost/ benefit results, but they also generate the largest reductions in future petroleum fuel use, up to 29 percent in the year 2020.

Some of the other options, though, like combining fuel efficient tires with proper tire inflation monitoring, those types of things can also reduce California petroleum demand in a cost effective way, but add a much smaller percentage of our basecase forecast.

Now, with a few exceptions, our analysis shows that alternative fuels apparently require public support for widescale deployment, especially for the fuel infrastructure. And what

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- and estimated cost of petroleum-based
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- 4 technologies.
- 5 However, in the alternative fuel
- 6 category, the use of liquified natural gas and one
- 7 of the gas-to-liquid fuels, primarily a Fischer
- 8 Tropsch diesel blend; those two fuels look very
- 9 attractive in heavy duty vehicle applications.
- 10 We also believe that increased ethanol
- 11 blending in gasoline, for instance going to an E10
- 12 formulation, or perhaps in a larger ethanol
- 13 content fuel that we call an optimal flexible fuel
- for FFVs. Those options should be examined in
- greater detail. We had some good results there,
- 16 but they were somewhat inconsistent and we sort of
- 17 believe that our analysis should be improved to
- 18 produce some better results there.
- 19 Another key result, though, is that in
- 20 order to achieve sustained and long-term reduction
- of petroleum fuels demand, this requires some
- 22 aggressive efficiency improvements and alternative
- 23 fuels.
- The fourth point, we believe that a good
- 25 alternative fuels portfolio rather than a single

1	potential fuel is an important can serve as an
2	important hedge against some long-term climate
3	change risks. And then to prevent potential over-
4	reliance on natural gas, as that fuel begins to

5 enter the transportation sector.

Now, just to illustrate some of the potential petroleum fuel reductions that might be achievable through some of these different reduction options. Here we show the expected demand levels if these options were to be deployed independently.

The first shaded line under our demand line, for instance, comes about from deployment of what we call near-term options. This includes more efficient tires, proper tire monitoring, efficient fleets for government, and I think there was one other option included in the near term that shows relatively small reductions, but nevertheless it does bring down that future demand.

The next line below the near-term options is a line showing how Fischer Tropsch diesel might reduce our future demand. This is in a 33 percent blend with conventional diesel.

We then moved to the third line. This

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- 2 to deploy hydrogen fuel cell vehicles beginning in
- 3 2012, reaching a total new vehicle sales
- 4 penetration rate of 20 percent in the year 2030.
- 5 And then we show two other examples here
- of the expected fuel demand if new vehicles could
- 7 be produced with these average fuel economies.
- 8 The first line there is a 30 mile per gallon fleet
- 9 average for new vehicle sales.
- 10 And then the last line is an example of
- 11 a new fleet fuel economy average of 40 miles per
- 12 gallon. One of the key points that is illustrated
- in this slide, though, is that even with these
- 14 aggressive fuel economy levels we can drop our
- demand. We can level it off. But eventually
- 16 various growth factors begin to result in an
- increasing demand in the out years.
- 18 And so this tends to tell us that if you
- 19 really want to keep your demand below some
- 20 reasonable level and to maintain that demand level
- 21 you really need something in combination with
- 22 efficiency strategies.
- One of the key results of our
- 24 cost/benefit analysis is shown in this slide for
- 25 the efficiency options that we evaluated. The

economic metric here is called direct net benefit.

- 2 I really refer you to our technical appendices to
- 3 fully understand the implications of that metric,
- 4 what goes into it. We'll certainly be here to
- 5 answer questions that you might have. And then
- 6 we'll give everybody a test at the end of the
- 7 session.
- 8 (Laughter.)
- 9 MR. FONG: This graph really again
- 10 highlights the importance in value of the fuel
- 11 economy cases that we evaluated. All of those
- 12 bars that are to the right of this neutral, what
- we call the break-even point, for these options,
- 14 those things to the right of that threshold
- indicate positive cost/benefit.
- In other words, the consumers are better
- off if they were to choose one of these options
- over a basecase option. For instance, in one of
- 19 the first fuel economy cases that is labeled EEA,
- 20 that EEA stands for energy and environmental
- 21 analysis, one of the consultants that we retained
- 22 to help us evaluate some of these fuel economy
- 23 cases.
- 24 That shows that if a consumer were to
- 25 purchase, for instance, an average new vehicle

1	that has a roughly 28 mpg fuel economy, he's going
2	to save money compared to the average gasoline car
3	that is currently being purchased here in

California.

And a similar comparison is then made through these other cases. The largest case with positive cost/benefit is the option labeled Air Resources Board mild hybrid. That has a new vehicle fleet fuel economy performance level of about 40 mile per gallon.

And I need to note that, for instance, the ARB mild hybrid is the same technological package as in the ACEEE mild hybrid. ACEEE stands for the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy. They have produced a number of very detailed reports on various fuel economy measures.

The difference between those two
analyses is in the economic assumptions. Whereas
the ACEEE assumes some constant incremental
vehicle costs for their technological evaluation,
the ARB analysis uses a learning curve effect. We
have slightly higher incremental battery costs in
the early years. But those battery costs will
come down over time. And that difference then
results in this different cost/benefit result.

L	We believe that they still merit
2	consideration, even though these cost differences
3	may be not the same. We still think that this
1	analysis is representative of what the consumer
5	cost/benefit might be.
5	Now we've broken out that cost/benefit

calculation into the three primary economic components. In the previous graph you saw that the direct net benefit was the sum of three different components. Those components are now displayed on this particular slide for a specific fuel price of \$1.64 a gallon for gasoline. The other slide I showed was for the range of fuel prices and incremental vehicle prices that we used in our analysis.

So here again you can see the relative importance and magnitude of the three different economic components that went into our final net benefit calculation.

The black section of the bar is for the external costs of petroleum dependence. In a sense, this is the avoided cost if you were to reduce your petroleum fuels consumption.

The white segment of the bar is the direct environmental net benefit value. And that

- 1 includes air quality benefits due to either
- 2 reduced petroleum fuels consumption or some fuel
- 3 substitution option, although not in this
- 4 particular slide. It also includes the effect of
- 5 global climate change benefits and reduced
- 6 environmental damage due to spills of petroleum
- 7 and petroleum products.
- 8 The herringbone section of the bar is
- 9 the direct non environmental net benefit. That is
- 10 primarily the incremental cost of the option being
- 11 evaluated along with the fuel-related costs for
- 12 that particular option.
- 13 And so in the efficiency options the
- latter component tends to dominate. And that's
- primarily because of some of the fuel price
- assumptions that we made in the analysis.
- 17 Although significant, the other two components are
- smaller in their absolute magnitude.
- 19 We show a similar slide for the fuel
- 20 substitution options. I need to point out,
- 21 though, that the integrated benefits for the fuel
- 22 efficiency options cannot be directly compared to
- 23 the integrated benefits for the fuel substitution
- 24 options. And I'll explain that a little bit
- 25 later.

L	Here, again, we show that there are a
2	few of the fuel substitution options that cross
3	over this threshold line. They are positive and
1	therefore they look like good investments in terms
5	of reducing your future petroleum fuel demand.

The third one down, that's our Fischer

Tropsch diesel. That is used in a 33 percent

blend with conventional diesel.

Go down further, right below the Fischer Tropsch diesel bar is a bar for liquified natural gas in heavy duty vehicles. That one tends to straddle that line, but if we were to blow this up you could see that a majority of that bar is in the positive section of the graph.

And then further on down you'll see what we call the low cost flexible fuel vehicle option also looks very good, although we need to improve, I think, some of our costs and price assumptions on that analysis before we have good confidence, I guess, that that, in fact, can be achieved in the real world. And so we would like to upgrade our analysis in the future on that particular option.

Also above it we show two other results for the ethanol increased use of ethanol cases.

Those don't look very positive, and yet we still

believe that by upgrading some of the analytic

components that went into those analyses, we may

see much more positive results. And we believe

that particular option certainly merits that

additional analysis in the future.

Lower down on this chart we've hit the various fuel cell options that we evaluated. We looked at a gasoline fuel cell based case along with a methanol based case; and then finally a direct hydrogen fuel cell option.

In certain instances where fuel prices and incremental costs are more positive those fuel cell options begin to cross over into the positive side of our cost/benefit comparison.

We again have broken out the net direct benefit into the three cost components as we did in the fuel efficiency options. Again, the overall net benefit is dominated by the direct non environmental net benefit. But, I think I need to point out, though, that one of the key assumptions that we made when evaluating the environmental benefits is that the future basecase vehicle that we are comparing these various options to. That vehicle will be an extremely low-emitting vehicle meaning the PZEV emission standard that has been

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1 adopted by the Air Resources Board.
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2	And so these various efficiency options
3	and fuel substitution options will have to meet a
4	very very strict emission performance level, and
5	therefore any benefits that come from those, at
6	least in the environmental area for air quality,
7	are relatively small compared to the other
8	components of the direct environmental net benefit
9	calculation. And we can go into greater detail if
10	you so wish after I complete the presentation.
11	Now, in developing a fuel reduction
12	goal, the Air Resources Board and the Energy
13	Commission Staff used these following principles:
14	We wanted to identify options that provide
15	substantial reductions in petroleum fuel demand.
16	Those options should have a net positive societal
17	benefit that is the direct net benefit, should be
18	positive.
19	We also wanted to identify a possible
20	pathway to actually achieve a recommended goal

pathway to actually achieve a recommended goal that would one, eliminate growth in demand for gasoline and diesel fuel. That goal would also reduce the demand to some level below a base level that we use in the year 2003.

25 And then finally we wanted to identify a

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1	package c	f	options	that	we	believe	can	be	used	to
2	reasonabl	y	achieve	that	aos	al.				

3	On this slide we are showing then the
4	actual potential strategy that might achieve the
5	proposed petroleum reduction goal. We are
6	selecting that that reduction goal be 15 percent
7	below the 2003 demand level. And this particular
8	graph shows that a strategy that includes our
9	near-term options, the deployment of Fischer
10	Tropsch diesel, a 40-mile-per-gallon new-vehicle
11	fleet fuel economy standard, and the introduction
12	of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles beginning in 2012.
13	And then increasing in penetration out to the year
14	2030.

That particular strategy meets that goal and is able to sustain and maintain that goal beyond the year 2030.

And so how did we sort of build up a particular strategy that might then achieve that fuel reduction goal? This slide shows the incremental improvements or fuel demand reductions that would be generated through the deployment of these various options.

24 The first solid line below our 25 extrapolated demand line is the deployment of the

1	near-term options.	The green line	then is	the
2	addition of Fischer	Tropsch diesel	to that	near-
3	term option line.			

4 We subsequently add the decrements due

5 to a 40-mile-per-gallon light-duty vehicle

6 deployment. And then finally, if we deploy

alternative fuel vehicles, in this case a hydrogen

fuel cell case, to a 20 percent new vehicle sales

level, we can then achieve in a reasonable manner

10 the goal that we have defined.

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11 So, I will read, word-for-word, our

12 proposed staff recommendations:

First, the Governor and Legislature should adopt the recommended statewide goal of reducing demand for onroad gasoline and diesel, a 15 percent below the 2003 level by 2020.

Second, the Governor and Legislature should work with the California delegation and other states to establish national fuel economy standards that double the fuel efficiency of new cars, light trucks and SUVs.

Third, the Governor and Legislature should establish a goal of 10 percent alternative fuel use by 2020.

25 And then we also follow that up with

1	another recommendation that the Energy Commission	n
2	and the ARB however are still in the process of	
3	considering.	

Now, for those of you who have actually accessed the staff documents on our website as of May 5th or got a hard copy of those documents, you'll note that there are two changes to these recommendations.

So what I'm showing now is the updated set of recommendations. The staff discovered a technical inconsistency in its analysis for the alternative fuel effect. When corrected that technical inconsistency lowers the contribution from alternative fuels in reducing petroleum fuels demand.

In the original report the third recommendation had a 15 percent figure. That has now been adjusted to 10 percent and is reflected in this slide.

And then in our first recommendation the goal was originally proposed of using the year 2000 base level as the point of measurement. That has now been adjusted to the base level in the year 2003.

25 And in any event our analysis shows that

1	beyond 2020 we need to implement additional
2	measures in order to maintain that 15 percent
3	demand reduction target. We believe that our
4	analysis also shows that this target can be
5	maintained through the additional penetration of
6	alternative fuels. And that's why we are still
7	considering extending that alternative fuels goal
8	to 18 percent by 2020.
9	We certainly invite your comments on
10	this proposed extended goal.

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Finally, in summary, some of the key next steps. Susan Brown mentioned this in her opening remarks. We have set a deadline of June 6th for public comment on the draft final report and all of the technical appendices.

On that same day a joint Energy Commission Committee and ARB hearing would be conducted to receive final public comment. You may also ask additional questions of the Commission and the ARB at that hearing.

And then finally if the Energy Commission Committee assigned to this proceeding and the ARB Chairman believe that they can move recommendations to their full governing boards, the Air Resources Board, at one of its regularly

1 scheduled meetings, would consider adoption of the

- 2 staff reports. And the Energy Commission would do
- 3 so, as well, on about June 25th.
- 4 So, we will now open up the meeting to
- 5 general questions. I also want to acknowledge the
- 6 contributions from one of our technical
- 7 consultants. I believe they are in attendance in
- 8 the audience, a representative from TIAX is here
- 9 this morning, as well. So if we are not able to
- 10 answer some of the more detailed questions,
- 11 hopefully TIAX might be able to chime in, or we'll
- 12 try to provide a more detailed written response if
- we go into too many mind-boggling explanations.
- Okay, thank you.
- MS. BROWN: Thank you, Dan. I'm going
- 16 to ask people to come forward to the microphone;
- 17 state your name for the record; spell your name
- for the reporter, please; and make your comments.
- 19 And I quess we'll start with Kathryn.
- MS. PHILLIPS: Kathryn Phillips. I'll
- 21 make other comments later, but I'm curious, Dan,
- 22 if you could explain in greater detail the change
- from 2000 to 2003 in the first recommendations.
- 24 And also the 10 percent versus the 10 percent for
- 25 alternative fuels. How does that look on the

- 1 graph that --
- MR. FONG: The graphs we've shown are,
- 3 in fact, the results of the revised basecase
- 4 demand level and revised projections for the
- 5 different alternative fuel case that we chose to
- 6 illustrate how you might achieve that demand
- 7 level.
- I think I might have been remiss in
- 9 saying that our strategy is not necessarily a
- 10 prescription. That is we believe that we've
- 11 selected some of the more promising reduction
- 12 options that look very positive. We deployed
- those options in a certain fashion.
- 14 There are, though, many different ways
- for the private sector to actually implement those
- 16 kinds of reduction options.
- 17 And so we believe there is considerable
- 18 flexibility in how one might go about achieving
- 19 the reduction goal that we are proposing to
- 20 establish.
- 21 Gerry.
- MR. BEMIS: Point of clarification.
- MS. BROWN: State your name.
- MR. BEMIS: Gerry Bemis, Energy
- 25 Commission Staff. We did not revise the basecase

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1 forecast. You included that when you described
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- 2 the revisions, we did not revise the basecase
- 3 forecast. We revised only the alt fuel decrease
- 4 portion of the reductions. We did not revise
- 5 anything else.
- 6 MS. PHILLIPS: I'm a little dense. When
- 7 you're saying 15 percent below the 2003 level, and
- 8 I'm looking at the graph on page 9 of the staff
- 9 draft report, would this graph look different?
- 10 MR. BEMIS: The horizontal line moves
- 11 from 14.8 to 15.5.
- MS. PHILLIPS: Okay, thanks.
- 13 MS. BROWN: I have three blue cards here
- 14 that folks have signed up to make comments. I
- think I'll call on them next, and then ask others
- 16 to step forward.
- 17 Dr. Frank, would you like to speak?
- DR. FRANK: Can I put up a couple
- 19 slides?
- MS. BROWN: I'm not sure that's going to
- 21 be logistically possible.
- DR. FRANK: Well, if it's not possible,
- that's all right.
- I'd like to comment first that the --
- MS. BROWN: State your name, I'm sorry,

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1 Dr. Frank, you have to state your name and spell
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- 2 it for the record.
- 3 DR. FRANK: Oh, excuse me. Professor
- 4 Frank at the University of California at Davis.
- 5 And I've been a proponent of plug-in hybrids and
- 6 the concept of plug-in hybrids for a number of
- 7 years and --
- 8 MS. BROWN: You have to speak into the
- 9 microphone, Andy, I'm sorry.
- DR. FRANK: Excuse me, yeah, all right.
- Is that better? So I've been a proponent of plug-
- in hybrids for a number of years, and we have
- demonstrated that these kinds of vehicles can be
- 14 constructed and can be a part of the vehicle mix
- if we can only get the car companies to build
- 16 them.
- 17 And in terms of fuel savings, we have
- 18 been working with the Electric Power Research
- 19 Institute, EPRI, and car companies, and actually
- 20 CEC and CARB, as well; and we have demonstrated
- 21 that there is really a high potential of saving
- fuel if you build a car that can use both
- 23 electricity and gasoline.
- Some of the things that were part of the
- 25 problem was that the plug-in hybrid was going to

be higher cost, but not higher cost than the fuel
cell vehicle.

- 3 The most important thing was that we
- found -- oh, first, I must say, relative to this
- 5 report, I think this report is a very good,
- 6 comprehensive report that has the right conclusion
- 7 and the right recommendation. I would like to see
- 8 it embellished a little more.
- 9 I think when the report analyzed the 10 plug-in hybrid they analyzed only one style of
- 11 plug-in hybrids. There are more than one style of
- 12 plug-in hybrid. The vehicles that we designed and
- 13 constructed at the university were plug-in hybrids
- that could achieve 60 miles of all electric range.
- 15 That means you could drive the first 60 miles of
- 16 you day all electrically.
- 17 But that's the outer range of the plug-
- in hybrid; and it's a little more expensive due to
- 19 the cost of batteries.
- 20 However, you could build a plug-in
- 21 hybrid with only a 20-mile range. And our
- 22 analysis with EPRI and car companies indicate that
- 23 such a hybrid could be, in actual fact, lower in
- 24 cost than the conventional car because of the
- 25 simplification and the introduction of electronic

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1	technologies	into	the	power	train	system.

2	So, I think this is something that
3	should be included in the analysis and maybe
1	updated. And we're also showing in the new report
5	from EPRI that the cost of batteries excuse me,
5	the life of batteries can meet the life of the
7	car. In other words it can last as long as
3	essentially the engine, 150,000 miles plus.

So, data on current batteries, today's batteries begin to show that this plug-in hybrid concept is a feasible thing.

What we need to do is encourage the car companies to build these vehicles, of course.

So the gist of what I have to say here is, let me just summarize. The three recommendations are good, but I think a bit on the conservative side. Chart 8, the chart on page 8 of the summary should be clarified so as to not discourage or rank alternative fuels. That includes use of electricity off the wall.

The report should clarify that P60 was the only plug-in hybrid studied. And other plug-in hybrids with ranges from 20 miles to 60 miles should be included in the study. And if time allows, and the project is extended, then other

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1 suggested improvements in plug-in hybrids should
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- 2 be made.
- 3 So, --
- 4 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Dr. Frank. We
- 5 would certainly invite any information you'd like
- 6 to submit for the record to assist in these --
- 7 DR. FRANK: We'll do that before the
- 8 June 6th --
- 9 MS. BROWN: -- deliberations and in
- 10 finalizing the report following the June 6th
- 11 hearing.
- 12 Any comments or questions from the panel
- on Dr. Frank's comments?
- 14 MR. WUEBBEN: Yeah, Dr. Frank, I've got
- 15 a question. This is Paul Wuebben. I heard from
- one of your colleagues at one of the utilities
- 17 that there may be perhaps a misperception of plug-
- in hybrids at the consumer level; that it might be
- 19 constructive to label them as grid optional rather
- than as grid connected, which perhaps the label
- 21 may imply the absolutely requirement for plug-in,
- 22 which, of course, it not true.
- I wonder if you have some suggestions or
- 24 ideas on what role that might play in terms of --
- DR. FRANK: Yes, thank you --

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                   MR. WUEBBEN: -- if you can make any
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         suggestion there?
                   DR. FRANK: -- for bringing that up.
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         Yeah, thank you for bringing that up, Paul. One
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         of the perceptions, and the car companies have all
         commented, well, if you build a car that uses both
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         electricity and gasoline nobody will ever plug it
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                   But what they don't say in the same
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         breath is that if you plug it in it's like being
         able to buy gas at 50 cents a gallon. So why
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         wouldn't you plug it in, unless you want to pay
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         more to go from point A to point B, three times
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         more or so.
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                   My comment on that statement is yes, we
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         should change the statement to reflect that they
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         don't have to be plugged in, but that there is an
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         economic incentive so powerful, a three-to-one
         difference in price is a pretty powerful economic
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         incentive, that people will plug in just to save
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         the money from going from point A to point B.
                   MR. BEMIS: Susan, can I comment, too?
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MS. BROWN: Yes, surely. 23

MR. BEMIS: I guess first of all let me 24

say hopefully everybody knows that I think Andy 25

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- great work you've done at UC Davis. And I look
- 3 forward to your continued success.
- 4 We did use an assumption that the
- 5 batteries would last the life of the vehicle for
- 6 both the battery electrics and the plug-ins. We
- 7 used the, was it the year 2000 ARB battery
- 8 report --
- 9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.
- 10 MR. BEMIS: -- data for the cost of the
- 11 batteries, for the plug-ins and for the battery
- 12 electrics. And just yesterday -- Susan doesn't
- 13 know this because she was out of town, but just
- 14 yesterday I was able to get a copy of the new EPRI
- 15 report. And I haven't had much chance to digest
- it; I just had a chance to print it out.
- 17 But it looks like there are some real
- world onroad data from Toyota, I think it was,
- 19 that indicated that these longer batteries should
- last, you know, 80 to 100 or more thousand miles
- 21 per year which is certainly good news.
- I haven't been able to really get my
- 23 hands around the cost assumptions, the
- differences, but that can certainly help, too.
- DR. FRANK: This is fundamental to some

1 of our comments, that if you get a report, has not

- only additional battery data, but also has
- 3 additional data on plug-in concept.
- 4 MR. BEMIS: Yeah, you're right. We used
- 5 the P60; we did not -- because we were looking for
- 6 maximum petroleum displacement. And we didn't
- 7 look at other -- probably should have, but we
- 8 didn't look at the B20.
- 9 DR. FRANK: Incidentally, the B20, just
- 10 to give you some figures, petroleum displacement
- is not as much as the P60, but it's like a quarter
- to a -- excuse me, it's somewhere around a third
- to a 40 percent of the fuel used by a conventional
- 14 car. So it's significant.
- MR. BEMIS: To me that's just good news.
- 16 What Dan mentioned, what we came up with was one
- 17 pathway out of many that could be used to help us
- 18 meet the goal, just to identify the fact that this
- 19 goal is a reasonable goal to have.
- There are other components and other
- 21 technologies that could be included in the goal
- and simply increase the probability of actually
- 23 meeting the goal. So that's just wonderful news.
- DR. FRANK: Yeah. So, anyhow, that's --
- 25 if that new report is included I think that will

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1 help, that will be good.
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- 2 MR. BEMIS: Which hasn't yet been
- 3 published.
- DR. FRANK: Yeah, that's right.
- 5 Unfortunately it's just come out, it's new.
- 6 MS. BROWN: We appreciate that input.
- 7 Thank you very much.
- 8 DR. FRANK: Okay. Any other questions?
- 9 MS. BROWN: Any questions for Dan, Dr.
- 10 Frank, while you're up there any further questions
- 11 for the staff or --
- DR. FRANK: Sure.
- MS. JONES: I'm Melissa Jones,
- 14 Commissioner Geesman's Adviser.
- MS. BROWN: Yes, please come forward
- 16 and --
- 17 MS. JONES: And I just had a quick
- 18 question. You said there's substantial benefits
- 19 from grid connection. Can you tell me what
- 20 electricity price you're using in that
- 21 calculation?
- DR. FRANK: I believe that was 6 cents a
- 23 kilowatt hour.
- MS. JONES: Okay.
- DR. FRANK: Well, you know, people

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- 2 rates that are charged. And one of the key things
- 3 about a plug-in hybrid, in the first place you
- don't have to charge plug-in hybrid -- electric
- 5 car, because you don't need to charge for a short
- 6 length of time. You charge while you sleep.
- 7 And the average car in California is
- 8 used three hours a day. That means you have 21
- 9 hours to charge the car. So you can charge with
- 10 110 volts. You don't need a special
- 11 infrastructure. That's another critical part of
- 12 plug-in hybrids.
- So I hope these things are included.
- 14 That 6 cents a kilowatt hour is maybe a little bit
- low; but even if you double that you're still much
- less than going from point A to point B, still
- 17 much less than paying for gasoline at \$1.50 a
- 18 gallon. All right?
- 19 MS. BROWN: Thank you very much. We're
- 20 going to call on Jerry.
- 21 MR. FONG: Susan, before we go there I
- 22 need to point out a slight error in our slide
- 23 presentation. When I used the words word-for-word
- that was incorrect.
- 25 Our first recommendation actually has

1	some	additional	phrasing	at	the	end	of	the

- 2 recommendation. So instead of just ending by
- 3 2020, there's actually an additional part of that
- 4 recommendation which says, "and maintain that
- 5 level for the foreseeable future."
- 6 So I need to point that out to everybody
- 7 in the audience, and then also make a correction
- 8 to the record on that.
- 9 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Dan. Dr. Frank,
- 10 thank you very much. Jerry Pohorsky.
- 11 MR. POHORSKY: Hi, I'm Jerry Pohorsky,
- 12 concerned citizen. The last name is spelled
- 13 P-o-h-o-r-s-k-y.
- I like your analysis, Dan. I think it's
- 15 excellent work. And I like the fact that you're
- 16 not just looking at one alternative, but a variety
- of options. In my driving history I've driven
- 18 propane vehicles, electric vehicles and a flexible
- 19 fuel vehicle that runs on methanol.
- One question for you, you looked at E85
- 21 as one of the alternative fuels. M85 was not
- 22 mentioned, although I know that the Energy
- 23 Commission did have a methanol fuel reserve during
- the 1990s and I was one of your customers. And I
- 25 thought it was a very great program. Do you want

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2	MR. FONG: We had to make some choices
3	early on when we were establishing the workplan
4	for this work. And we did make somewhat of an
5	arbitrary decision to evaluate the ethanol option.
6	I think we saw essentially large numbers
7	of automobiles being built by manufacturers that
8	are fully ethanol capable. And so we wanted to
9	evaluate the potential of using that existing
10	fleet and the existing direction being taken by
11	the automotive industry to introduce that
12	technology.
13	It was not meant to discourage the
14	possibility that methanol might be a viable
15	option, as well. But we had to make some choices
16	in the number of different options that we
17	evaluated. And in this particular case we decided
18	to emphasize this particular ethanol opportunity.

MR. POHORSKY: Great, thank you. And that kind of leads into the three A's that I have for these from a consumer point of view. The alternatives need to be available now. They need to be affordable, and they need to be attractive.

And of all the alternatives I've seen at this workshop and previous ones, the alcohol fuel,

- the biodiesel, electric vehicles, propane and
  compressed natural gas, to me, meet all of those
- 3 three A's.
- 4 So I would say that those would be the
- ones that I would really support. And I think
- 6 other customers like myself could easily find
- 7 themselves filling up a propane vehicle, filling
- 8 up a natural gas vehicle.
- 9 For the audience that may not be aware
- 10 there was a company in Canada called Fuel Maker.
- 11 And nearly all of the natural gas fueling stations
- that are out there now are made by that company.
- 13 They are introducing a home fueling device that
- they expect to make available for about \$1000
- 15 cost. It plugs into a 110 volt outlet; ties into
- 16 your home natural gas line; and allows you to fuel
- 17 something like your natural gas Honda on an
- 18 overnight basis. So, I think something like that
- 19 will be very attractive to the consumer.
- 20 And in my own case right now I'm driving
- 21 an electric vehicle. It's a 1998 technology,
- 22 General Motors, Chevy S10 truck. Got me all the
- 23 way here from Santa Clara to Sacramento. I'm
- 24 charging it in your state, or your city garage
- 25 right now. And I'm not being charged anything for

1 that charging and I'm getting free parking, as

- 2 well. So that's my preferred mode --
- 3 (Laughter.)
- 4 MR. POHORSKY: But you talk very
- 5 favorably about the potential for the hydrogen
- fuel cells. However, I found another PowerPoint
- 7 presentation that was presented at the ARB
- 8 workshop in March that I can show you, if you
- 9 like, that shows that the electric car is more
- 10 than twice as efficient as the hydrogen fuel cell.
- 11 So, if you're looking at overall
- 12 efficiency I wouldn't bet on hydrogen fuel cells
- 13 being there, not to mention the infrastructure
- 14 hurdle.
- 15 And in terms of the range of the
- 16 electric cars, I've got another PowerPoint
- 17 presentation that shows the new lithium polymer
- 18 batteries that are being used successfully now in
- 19 laptop computers and cell phones that will
- 20 effectively increase the range of something like
- 21 an ED1 car from about 120 miles with a nickel
- 22 metal hydride battery up to 300 miles range, which
- 23 would get me all the way from home to here without
- using your free electricity, and then back again.
- No refueling involved.

1	So those are the options that I really
2	think have a lot of potential for the customer.
3	After all, we're the ones that are paying the
4	taxes that fund your salary. We're the ones that
5	are paying the taxes that the oil companies add
6	onto the price at the pump to meet the
7	requirements there.
8	So, really the customer is paying for
9	all of this, so we might as well get our money's
10	worth. Thank you.
11	MS. BROWN: Thank you very much. Are
12	there comments from the panel?
13	MR. FONG: I'd like to again remind
14	everyone that our analysis includes a variety of
15	different characteristics. Efficiency is
16	definitely an important aspect of our analysis.
17	Overall we are looking at a cost/benefit
18	result that tells us whether or not a consumer or
19	an average consumer might be better off if he made
20	one choice versus a standard basecase choice.
21	And so efficiency, which might be
22	interpreted as part of the environmental benefits
23	that's clearly an important component of our
24	metrics, but it is not the only one.

MS. BROWN: Okay, thank you, Dan. Next

- 1 Tim Castleman.
- 2 MR. CASTLEMAN: Thank you. My name is
- 3 Tim Castleman; I'm a concerned citizen, also.
- 4 Live here in Sacramento. I was born here in
- 5 Sacramento. And I remember when we could see the
- 6 mountains 40 years ago, a little over 40 years
- 7 ago.
- 8 I really want to congratulate you on
- 9 your work. I couldn't possibly print it all out
- on my little bubble jet printer, so I'm really
- 11 glad to get my hands on that. And I read as much
- as I could on the computer screen since it's come
- out on May 5th.
- I just wanted to kind of bring another
- 15 little aspect into the picture here that I don't
- hear mentioned at all. I want to encourage the --
- by the way, I submitted this to Susan by email
- this morning at 4:00. So I don't know how she
- 19 could have possibly printed it out. But it's also
- 20 available on the website. You can download it and
- 21 print it out, yourself, if you're interested.
- 22 So I want to encourage the CEC and ARB
- 23 Staff to include a more complete evaluation.
- 24 Reporting the benefits that would accrue if the
- 25 state enacts the legislation and the executive

1	branch issues directives to enforce the existing
2	speed limits. And consider re-enacting the 55
3	mile per hour speed limit on all the highways in

4 the State of California.

There simply is no single measure that could realistically achieve both near- and long-term benefits and to reduce our dependency on petroleum as effectively as this.

When driving 65 miles an hour you are using 20 percent more fuel, polluting 58 percent more VOCs, 153 percent more CO and between 10 and 30 percent more NOx. These analyses can be found on EPA's website. I give the URL here on this. For the environmental impacts that's also, this study was done by EPA in, I think, '95.

Also Bridgestone Tire manufacturing has tested the fuel economy effects of speed, load and tire-related factors at the transportation research center in East Liberty, Ohio, and at the Bridgestone/Firestone Test Center in Fort Stockton, Texas. So these aren't just numbers that I dreamed up.

I think everybody would have to agree a 20 percent reduction exceeds what we're trying to get here with all these other measures.

1	Regarding California Highway Patrol John
2	Keller's prior testimony, he makes an important
3	point when he states that the real problem is one
4	of attitude adjustment. So let's talk about
5	safety.
6	In the year 2002 42,850 people were
7	killed on U.S. roadways. Of these, 2584 were
8	children under the age of 15. 2,914,000 people
9	were injured by U.S. motorists. Of these, 334,000
10	were children under the age of 15.
11	4,776 were pedestrians. Of these, 646
12	were on bicycles. 72,000 pedestrians were injured
13	by cars; 48,000 bicycle riders were struck and
14	injured by cars.
15	Young drivers between the ages of 16 and
16	20 will account for 8996 deaths and 544,000
17	injuries. This is all statistics from the April
18	of 2003 Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Fatality and
19	Injury Estimates, published by the National
20	Highway Traffic Safety Administration. I give the
21	URL for these, also.
22	Traffic fatalities has steadily risen
23	since 1995, the year the national 55 mile an hour
24	speed limit was rescinded. So has fuel

consumption risen.

1	Is it any safer to walk? One pedestrian
2	is killed by a car every 108 minutes. In 2001
3	4882 pedestrians were killed on America's roads.
4	This was 12 percent of the 42,116 traffic
5	fatalities. The reason I point that out is
6	because it shows that traffic fatalities are, in
7	fact, rising from 42,116 to 42,850; 484 of those
8	pedestrians were children under 16.
9	45 percent of those 484 children were
10	killed by cars between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Alcohol
11	was involved in 37 percent of these fatalities.
12	That is from a pedestrian roadways report also
13	published in April 2003. And I give the URL here.
14	So, from a safety standpoint, slowing
15	down makes sense, too.
16	I have a few more points I'd like to
17	make briefly. Enforcing the existing speed limit
18	laws would create a new revenue stream for the
19	state.
20	(Laughter.)
21	MR. CASTLEMAN: While only penalizing
22	those with little or no regard for our environment

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registration system to consider weight and

horsepower when calculating annual vehicle

and safety anyway. Modifications to the vehicle

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1	regis	stration	n fees.	This	would	equitably	

2 distribute the actual cost to drivers, rewarding

3 those who choose sane vehicles, while allowing

others the freedom to drive whatever they want as

5 long as they pay their fair share.

It would also serve the public if the report were to give greater consideration to two alternative fuels that are only briefly mentioned, biodiesel and ethanol. Biodiesel can easily be made from the waste product fryer oil, which many are paying to have hauled away now.

Small scale, localized production can be encouraged within an educational outreach program and by supporting the many grassroots groups already active in this easy environmentally healthy activity. They need help with equipment, materials and supplies, classes and a set of guidelines that doesn't favor big business and make them criminals for making their own fuel.

Ethanol could be a real boon to the agricultural sector. California has about 10 million acres of farmland under cultivation now, with over half of that used to grow food for animals.

A California Department of Food and

1	Agriculture estimate suggests that each one
2	million acres of energy crop production occupying
3	roughly 1 percent of the state's total land area
4	would supply the ethanol equivalent of about 3

The facilities could also convert

landscape waste, forest trimmings and other

agricultural waste to supply at least a billion

gallons of ethanol each year to go into our E85

cars.

percent of California's current gasoline demand.

I know our time is limited. I've got 16 more pages I'm not going to bother you with. But it's there. And all the facts are there, and the references and studies after studies after studies when the fight was on to raise the speed limit from 55 to 65. It's just a sane move. And it's not even remotely addressed in this great study. I mean it's a terrific study. I'll use this for ammunition for a lot of things, but when we're talking societal benefits and a real reduction in petroleum use there's a real simple thing that could be enacted right now without any cost whatsoever, really.

As a matter of fact there would be a tremendous societal benefit, especially to our

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1 children. Thank you.
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- MS. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Castleman.
- 3 Are there comments from the panel?
- 4 And, Mr. Castleman, you know that we did
- 5 evaluate the reducing speed limit option as part
- of the task 3 report. And it was the Highway
- 7 Patrol, I think, that did express reservation
- 8 about their ability to enforce any higher speed
- 9 limit. So we did look at that issue.
- 10 MR. CASTLEMAN: I spoke with --
- MS. BROWN: It's not --
- 12 MR. CASTLEMAN: I have spoken with Mr.
- 13 Keller. I called him on the phone and discussed
- 14 the issue with him. And he pointed out that that
- is, it is an attitude adjustment problem. It's
- 16 getting people to do it is the hard part, you
- 17 know. And that's why I say there has to be a
- 18 financial incentive.
- 19 And if you know that breaking the speed
- 20 limit -- I mean we've already got a 55 mile an
- 21 hour speed limit on the Cap City Freeway right
- 22 now. But nobody cares because you don't have to
- worry, you're not going to get pulled over. If we
- 24 started pulling people over and charging them a
- 25 couple hundred bucks for doing it, I bet you

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they'd slow down. It worked before; it could work
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- 2 again. To dismiss it with two paragraphs by John
- 3 Keller is not, to me, as exhaustive a study as
- 4 this body is capable of.
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 MS. BROWN: All right, thank you.
- 7 MR. WUEBBEN: Mr. Castleman, I actually
- 8 have one other question I'd like to ask you. You
- 9 made a comment about the weight and power factor
- as a possible basis for vehicle registration fees.
- 11 Do you have any specific suggestions
- 12 there?
- MR. CASTLEMAN: Specifically horsepower
- 14 and --
- MR. WUEBBEN: I mean in dollar terms, or
- 16 would you --
- 17 MR. CASTLEMAN: No. No, this would be
- another area I'd recommend for your study, would
- 19 be, I think it's an area overlooked, that's all.
- MR. WUEBBEN: Thank you.
- MR. CASTLEMAN: Thank you.
- MS. BROWN: All right, thank you very
- 23 much. I have one more blue card and then I'm
- 24 going to open it up to the audience. Stephanie
- 25 Williams representing the California Trucking

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2	MS. WILLIAMS: Good morning. I'd like
3	to start out by saying the California Trucking
4	Association supports the 55 mile an hour speed
5	limit.

6 (Laughter.)

7 MS. WILLIAMS: And we'd like that to be 8 in the SIP and get credit for it.

We have a limited narrow interest in what you're doing here and it has to do with the Fischer Tropsch additive in the diesel. And as you know, there's a problem when you have a different fuel in California than you have in other states, especially with the onset of NAFTA.

And although we've been successful in stopping NAFTA until an environmental assessment is completed, if California moved to a Fischer Tropsch type diesel and the rest of the nation didn't, we would be the Mexican Trucking Association, Western State Trucking Association. There would not be a California Trucking Association.

23 So somewhere in this report we need to 24 reflect flight, and the cost differential and the 25 increased vehicle miles traveled. Because

- 1 reducing the fuel in California from California-
- 2 based trucks, increasing the miles and the fuel
- 3 purchased elsewhere and burned in California is
- 4 counterproductive to the state, as far as the
- 5 highway account, as far as the excise taxes, as
- far as sales tax coming in for fuel.
- 7 So those need to be reflected in this
- 8 report; very very important. You can't have clean
- 9 air if you have loopholes. And right now we have
- 10 three computer programs that teach interstate
- 11 trucks how to avoid fueling in California.
- So I'd like that to be reflected in the
- 13 report.
- 14 MS. BROWN: Okay, let me understand your
- 15 major concern. Cost, the cost of the fuel is your
- 16 major concern, is that correct? I know your
- 17 trucking association members are very sensitive to
- 18 cost.
- 19 MS. WILLIAMS: Cost differential between
- 20 bordering states and now Mexico and Canada.
- MS. BROWN: If a fuel like a gas-to-
- 22 liquid diesel could be brought into California at
- 23 a cost equal to or less than existing diesel,
- 24 would you support that?
- MS. WILLIAMS: We would, yes.

- 1 Especially if it was less. But, history shows
- 2 that that can't happen without a national fuel
- 3 standard. And people who do specialty fuels want
- 4 to be compensated for it. The market becomes
- 5 closed. You have very few suppliers whose profit
- 6 margins increase dramatically while the profit
- 7 margins of the people who have to use the fuel
- 8 decrease dramatically.
- 9 And we see that right now in our state
- 10 highway account. We're short \$250 million because
- 11 California-based registration has dropped.
- 12 Unfortunately, there's been increases in overall
- registration. There's now 1.5 million interstate
- 14 trucks. People can drive from Arizona to L.A. and
- 15 compete with us against -- on I-5 and 99 for
- 16 freight. We can't compete in our own state.
- So, let's just be fair. And we know
- 18 that even if -- we know the internal cost of
- 19 Fischer Tropsch. We also have worked with the
- 20 Department of Energy and Fairbanks Group over the
- 21 years on Fischer Tropsch diesel. We know where
- it's being produced; we know the cost; we
- 23 understand the fuel goes right into the tanks.
- 24 There's no -- it's a natural gas moved through a
- 25 catalyst into a liquid fuel.

1	But anytime you have different things
2	you're doing to the fuel and you limit it to
3	California, you're going to have a price
4	differential even if the numbers say you
5	shouldn't. People will tell you that car diesel
6	should only cost 6 cents more a gallon. Well, you
7	look at the computer programs that are out to
8	avoid fueling here, you will see that that's not
9	the case every day when you're going to buy fuel.
10	So we need, and you need, a stake
11	unfortunately there's not enough money to go
12	around right now. So the more money we lose on
13	registration fees, which by the way are already
14	based on gross vehicle weight for any vehicle over
15	10,000 pounds, when \$1700 goes away and 3 percent
16	of that comes back based on IRP, we have problems.
17	We also have, Paul Wuebben's district
18	has a 260 miles that somebody traveled to come
19	into L.A., break down in a warehouse, so they can
20	compete against California's trucking industry.
21	And that's wrong. It's increasing the emissions
22	in South Coast. It's detrimental to the state's
23	financial well being. It's detrimental to the
24	public and the air quality.
25	There's no upside other than on a piece

- 1 of paper we're first. And we're asking you to put
- 2 California truckers first. Thank you.
- 3 MS. BROWN: Any other comments from the
- 4 panel?
- 5 MR. FONG: I think our analysis for
- 6 Fischer Tropsch diesel assumes that it's basically
- 7 a transparent type of additional component that
- 8 might go into conventional diesel.
- 9 We also believe that in the longer term
- 10 the petroleum industry is likely to use
- increasingly greater proportions of these gas-to-
- 12 liquid type fuels to augment their volume of
- usable diesel fuels.
- 14 In fact, Fischer Tropsch diesel has
- 15 already been blended in a small fraction into
- 16 California diesel whenever those economics looks
- favorable to specific refiners.
- 18 We believe that the industry would only
- 19 resort to using Fischer Tropsch diesel if they
- 20 could actually make more money doing it.
- 21 And so, in our minds, it's not likely to
- 22 result in a higher end use cost simply because the
- 23 producers want to sell the product, and they can
- 24 do so with sufficient economic results at the
- 25 current retail price for diesel.

1	MS. WILLIAMS: Well, that would mean
2	that you support a national fuel standard that
3	would be up to the market to do that, because if
4	you force 33 percent blending as a California-only
5	standard you put most of my members out of
6	business.
7	MD HONG: He are not negotial.

MR. FONG: We are not necessarily arguing that that ought to be established as a standard. Our analysis looked at that option. If it were to be deployed in some fashion either by the industry on a voluntary basis, or through some other mechanism, it would produce a certain overall net positive cost/benefit.

MS. WILLIAMS: If your report could reflect that, I mean that would take away our concerns.

MR. CACKETTE: Stephanie, I think it does. The key assumption here is that California does have different fuel, and Fischer Tropsch fuel does cost more than diesel. But it has good attributes, like no aromatics and high cetane numbers. So if you blend it in fuel like federal fuel, take federal fuel plus Fischer Tropsch, you could end up in a generic sense with a California-like diesel fuel. And the offset between the cost

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1 of regular California diesel fuel and federal
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- 2 helps offset the higher cost of the Fischer
- 3 Tropsch components.
- 4 So it gives you a way of, it gives the
- 5 refiner a way of taking lower cost fuel and sort
- of converting it to California fuel. And part of
- 7 that --
- 8 MS. WILLIAMS: Well, the cetane --
- 9 MR. CACKETTE: -- there's a savings with
- 10 that.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Right now they're
- 12 blending with the cetane additive. The cetane
- 13 additive is less expensive than Fischer Tropsch
- 14 today. So I think the report should reflect what
- 15 we know today and --
- 16 MR. CACKETTE: It also has the aromatics
- in it, so that's advantage to try to blend it low
- aromatic fuel, as well.
- MS. WILLIAMS: But, you know, when
- you're fueling up and one side of the border it's
- one price and on the other side of the border,
- guess what, you just don't stop. And we don't
- 23 have the choice of going to the other side of the
- border.
- So what we're saying is put those in the

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1 report. Reflect -- we're not trendsetters here
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- with fuel. We know that. The federal government
- 3 didn't adopt a California fuel. And nobody is
- 4 looking at the California fuels right now. Texas
- is backing up, too. The cost is prohibitive and
- 6 the flight is huge.
- 7 In the state highway account the money
- 8 that has to go to fix the highways so the
- 9 interstate and state trucks can drive safely is
- 10 being impacted. And we can't afford this.
- 11 MR. CACKETTE: But I think -- urge you
- 12 to take a look at the -- report, read the section
- on Fischer Tropsch carefully. And then maybe you
- 14 could comment on whether you think the assumptions
- 15 are valid. Because it basically says that it
- doesn't cause an increase in the price of the fuel
- in California if you use it in this blend at this
- 18 ratio.
- 19 So, --
- MS. WILLIAMS: At 33 percent, --
- MR. CACKETTE: Yeah.
- MS. WILLIAMS: -- at a 25 percent
- 23 incremental?
- MR. CACKETTE: Because it has a blending
- value it can offset the higher cost of the Fischer

- 1 Tropsch element, itself.
- 2 And, you know, so look at that in your
- 3 comments by the 6th, you know, maybe you can tell
- 4 us whether you think that makes sense or not.
- 5 MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah, we'll provide
- 6 extensive comments. But the bottomline is you're
- 7 going to offset the miles that people drive to
- 8 avoid, and if everybody doesn't have to use this
- 9 blending or whatever, you end up with 320,000
- 10 trucks here and 1.5 million trucks operating here,
- 11 not paying their fees.
- MR. CACKETTE: But if it doesn't change
- the price of the fuel here, then nothing --
- MS. WILLIAMS: Then we'd be supportive
- 15 of it.
- 16 MR. CACKETTE: -- nothing changes from
- 17 that standpoint.
- 18 MS. WILLIAMS: But unfortunately we've
- 19 been hearing this for a long time. Car diesel is
- only supposed to cost 3 cents, 4 cents, 6 cents.
- 21 It's 40 incremental in 1999 to 2000 between
- 22 Arizona and L.A.
- 23 So we hear this but it doesn't work out
- in the marketplace that way. We need to be
- 25 protected by the state, not further disadvantaged.

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1 Thank you.
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                   MR. WUEBBEN: Stephanie, I just wanted
         to explore one other aspect of this, which is that
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         we were viewing Fischer Tropsch essentially as a
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         fuel extender. And I think that we're trying to
         find something that is going to address the
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         increasing volatility in the market, which we
         think that you and your membership are quite
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         concerned about.
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                   And I assume that you do recognize that
         with the 2.4 percent diesel annual growth and the
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         demographics that are adding to the diesel demand
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         growth, that there is, as we look out in the
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         future, an increase in concern about volatility in
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         the price environment.
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                   MS. WILLIAMS: There's only volatility
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         in California.
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MR. WUEBBEN: Right.

MS. WILLIAMS: So, --

20 MR. WUEBBEN: And so I guess if we're --

21 MS. WILLIAMS: The answer is don't fuel

22 in California.

MR. WUEBBEN: Well, --

MS. WILLIAMS: Be able to not fuel here.

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- People aren't looking at changing the volatility
- 3 in California. They're looking at escaping
- 4 California, which is why the state has the deficit
- 5 it has.
- 6 We need to figure out a way to make it
- 7 more -- if you want to use this kind of fuel in
- 8 the state, great. Make it mandatory for people
- 9 who come here to have it in their trucks. Make it
- 10 mandatory for people who attract freight to use a
- 11 company that has that kind of fuel.
- Don't say you guys have to wear an
- 13 elephant on your back, and I hope you can stay
- alive, because it doesn't work that way. It's
- 15 unfair. You guys don't even use California
- 16 carriers at South Coast. Your paper doesn't come
- 17 through a California carrier.
- 18 You want to believe in a fuel standard
- 19 and be clean, that's great. But stand up for what
- 20 you believe in, use it. Make it a requirement for
- 21 the end user not to be the trucker who is not the
- 22 person who makes the decision. Make it be the
- 23 shipper.
- 24 But for right now there isn't a mandate
- 25 to use this fuel. There's a mandate for the

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1 trucks to fuel with it. You have to change the
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- 2 dynamic and make it required for everybody to use
- 3 it, or just give up.
- 4 MR. WUEBBEN: Well, we weren't trying to
- 5 address the entire scope of solving the NAFTA
- 6 border issue and all of the competitive economics
- 7 that exist in the border and that market
- 8 environment. I, you know, respect --
- 9 MS. WILLIAMS: And Arizona and Oregon
- 10 and Salt Lake --
- 11 MR. WUEBBEN: -- and we appreciate that
- 12 there are those factors. But taking the more
- narrow concern, perhaps, that there is this
- increasing demand growth it would seem very
- 15 logical, and I think that's what's driving our
- 16 analysis of having a fuel extender has some
- 17 benefit if it can be brought in at a reasonable
- 18 cost. And maybe 33 percent isn't the blend value.
- 19 Maybe it's lower; maybe it's a little higher. But
- 20 those economics do look promising, so we --
- 21 MS. WILLIAMS: Put a cap on the price.
- 22 But for right now you have increases far greater
- in other states of diesel fuel sold. California's
- 24 flat. Agriculture has to buy the fuel here.
- Until it gets to the point where the fuel costs so

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1 much they can't compete with other states who are
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- 2 providing agriculture. And it will be trucked in
- 3 by our interstate fleets.
- 4 But for right now it's just a bad
- 5 business plan. The states decided --
- 6 MR. WUEBBEN: Well, actually diesel is
- 7 growing faster than gasoline --
- 8 MS. WILLIAMS: -- we have standards --
- 9 diesel is not growing faster than gas, no, that's
- 10 not. I would like to see those numbers, though.
- 11 Could you provide me those, Susan? The numbers
- that were behind the forecast.
- MS. BROWN: They're in the forecast
- 14 document --
- 15 (Parties speaking simultaneously.)
- MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah, I would like to see
- 17 that because I've got the state -- and what data
- is it from, the state?
- 19 MS. BROWN: The data's from -- well, the
- 20 data is compiled by us. The December 2001
- 21 forecast, which is, by the way, being updated.
- 22 But it shows --
- MS. WILLIAMS: So 2001 is the last date
- you have fuel? Because that's all that I can get.
- MS. BROWN: Yeah, well, again -- Leigh,

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are you here in the back of the room? Maybe you
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- 2 could talk to -- did he leave? Okay. I'll put
- 3 you in touch with the people that --
- 4 MS. WILLIAMS: Right, because we could
- only get up to 2001, and it's been flat. There
- 6 hasn't been growth. And I notice this growth rate
- 7 starts at 2001 in your graph and goes up. And I
- 8 don't know what that's based on, because the
- 9 actual data and sales are flat.
- Thank you.
- 11 MS. BROWN: Thank you. Okay, I'm going
- 12 to open it up to the audience since we're out of
- 13 blue cards. I know a number of you have spoken to
- 14 me privately and would like to speak, so don't be
- shy. Yes, sir, come to the microphone, please;
- identify yourself for the record.
- 17 MR. WORRELL: Eric Worrell. That's
- 18 E-r-i-c W-o-r-r-e-l-l. I'm an independent
- 19 consultant, 20 years in energy industries starting
- 20 with natural gas transportation storage and
- 21 production; petroleum refining; and independent
- 22 power development.
- One thing -- I guess I'll also mention
- 24 my political inclinations go towards somewhere
- 25 between liberal and libertarian, and a very strong

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environmentalist bent. So I tend to vote

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make sense.

One thing you see through most of my career and if you look around through our society is you get from people behavior that you reward, and you don't get behavior that you penalize.

Best example in my career I've seen is if you're in a petroleum refinery and if you can double the cost of crude oil by resource-based taxes, and take the tax burden off the salary, off the payroll tax, off the sales tax on the materials used to implement steam leak repairs, oil leak repairs, improved processes and things like that, you would get a tremendous improvement in efficiencies in the processes; you get a tremendous reduction in waste.

And that goes anywhere you look in society. And I look around and I see what's going on in California now, and I don't see that being done. Our governor is announcing sales tax increases which are something that goes onto the human labor portion of the tax, which is absolutely the most renewable resource we have right now. And if you could reduce the cost of

human labor, reduce the cost of human brain power and ingenuity, and tax and assign proper values to the extraction of resources, the consumption of resources, the byproducts of resources you'll get

a lot different behavior.

I, a couple weeks ago, visited Pacific
Biodiesel in Hawaii. And I'm very disappointed to
see so little mention in today's presentation. I
haven't had time to go through the whole report of
biodiesel. He is able, without any subsidies from
the government, to compete except for the not
having the tax on the fuel. But he can compete
with the current cost of diesel fuel in Maui.

You put a 50/50 blend of his fuel, which is ASTM grade fuel, which unfortunately a lot of his competitors are not managing to make, but which he is, put that in a dive boat and the deck hands can tell when that dive boat switches from 50/50 to straight diesel, because they got to get out the mops and start swabbing the vomit off the decks. And that was, you know, -- he -- out of my memory, I've been on dive boats, I've been on offshore boats.

And what I don't see here is a near-term emphasis on getting biofuels up.

1	Power development. We had a crash
2	program four-month licensing for power plants. We
3	could do that, something like that to improve the
4	permitting for ethanol and biodiesel plants.
5	Which at the ethanol in California conference I
6	talked to a gentleman from Nebraska who said, I
7	was really interested in coming into California
8	until I started hearing these permitting horror
9	stories.
10	This is someone I talked to who sounded
11	like a very sound player in the markets as opposed
12	to some of the fly-by-night ones that are out

This is someone I talked to who sounded like a very sound player in the markets as opposed to some of the fly-by-night ones that are out there. He said we could have a tremendous increase in California's ethanol and biodiesel production within a year if the emphasis was put there.

We could have a tremendous change in California's car fleet if instead of continuing as we're doing, we reduce our state sales taxes down to some, you know, get rid of the state sales tax, replace that with a fuel-based tax on, probably you'd have to do it to start at the motor fuels level and work from there into building a more comprehensive resource based tax level. But that would be -- tax the motor fuels.

1	Also tax natural gas because we've got a
2	natural gas crunch that the Energy Commission is
3	also responsible for dealing with.
4	When you take off for the natural gas

fueled vehicles, that's not such a big deal because you wouldn't have to put that big a price on. It would still be competitive with gasoline after you put a proper tax that reflects all the emissions, all the externalities of consuming the petroleum based motor fuels. And basically you do that, you get a much much better, much cleaner thing.

Again, on the incentives that you get, like this other gentleman, I have a Honda Accord that really does like driving at the 80 mile an hour average speed coming between Pleasant Hill and Sacramento.

18 (Laughter.)

MR. WORRELL: Except my Honda Accord, at 80 miles an hour, it's a four-speed SULEV that gets 28 miles to the gallon at 80 miles an hour.

And just burns much cleaner than almost every other car on the road.

I would have bought a Honda Civic that did a bit better except for it really didn't

1 handle like the Hondas used to when I needed a new

- 2 car. And I'm looking at hoping the new Civic
- 3 hybrid is going to be something though it doesn't
- 4 have the fold-down rear seat I need to carry
- 5 stuff.
- 6 I personally believe that if you gave
- 7 the proper incentives, which I would see, it
- 8 should be federal level, not state level, but
- 9 unfortunately we don't have that choice right now.
- 10 But a proper incentive, a vehicle license fee, a
- vehicle purchase fee that is a multiple of vehicle
- 12 costs times an emissions factor, times a fuel
- 13 consumption factor. Porsche could come up with a
- car that could do 50 miles to the gallon at 80
- miles per hour. And drive very safely.
- 16 You get some of these oversized SUVs off
- the road that are a danger to other people.
- 18 Because people would have incentives to pick a car
- 19 that makes more sense on the basis of pay for what
- 20 you want -- if you want it, you pay for it. And
- 21 if you pick something that's better for the rest
- of us, you get rewarded.
- Thank you.
- MS. BROWN: Thank you. Comments or
- 25 questions from the panel? Thank you.

1	DR. GREENWOOD: My name is Greg
2	Greenwood; Greenwood just the way you would expect
3	that to be spelled. I work at the Resources
4	Agency for California.
5	I'd like to applaud the team's economic
6	analysis. I really find the analysis of groups 1
7	and 2 quite interesting and very complete. I
8	would like to be pointed to where I could find
9	comparable information for group 3 options, the
10	ones that you refer to as pricing options.
11	I have looked through the, I believe
12	it's appendix B, and found the net consumer
13	benefit and the government revenue impacts, but I
14	can't find anything related to the external cost
15	of petroleum dependence nor the environmental
16	benefits.
17	And in the interest of kind a complete
18	and accurate comparison of the full suite of
19	options I would like to see I'm sure those
20	numbers exist somewhere I would like to see
21	them in the report. Are they there now? Could
22	you direct me to where I would find those
23	economic
24	MR. FONG: The external costs for those
25	pricing options and the environmental net

1	benefits, those are found in appendix A. And the
2	direct net nonenvironmental benefits for the
3	pricing options are found in appendix C.

pricing options are found in appendix C.

And you can numerically add those 5 various components to then generate sort of an 6 integrated overall result. We choose not to 7 present that material in volume C or D, primarily because we were not emphasizing the pricing 8 9 options as sort of a strategy.

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Those are actually potential implementation options. For instance, if the automotive industry wanted to produce more fuel efficient new vehicles, various pricing options could then be implemented to actually achieve the sales volumes that might be needed to meet that fleet average fuel economy level that we evaluated.

So I think that you make some good remarks, but that information is contained within the technical appendices.

DR. GREENWOOD: That is true, but I need to dig through them to find them, whereas you do a very nice job of summarizing them for groups 1 and 2 in those nice charts. I would really encourage you, in the interest of sort of full disclosure of

 $1\,$   $\,$  what the team has done, to at least put a third

- 2 graph in your report that shows those numbers
- 3 added together for the pricing.
- I agree, they look like implementation
- options. They're, I think, somewhat summarily
- 6 dismissed as being politically difficult, unlike
- 7 CAFE standards, of course.
- 8 (Laughter.)
- 9 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Greg. Other
- 10 comments? I'll get you next, Mr. Eaves.
- 11 MS. BURER: I'm Mary Jane Burer from
- 12 NRDC. NRDC would like to support the overall
- 13 petroleum reduction goals and recommendations set
- 14 forth by staff. We believe they are cost
- 15 effective, good for the economy and good for the
- 16 environment.
- We support the recommendation that the
- 18 states take action to reduce petroleum consumption
- in the near term, and in particular NRDC is
- 20 supporting efforts to improve fuel efficient tires
- in the replacement market.
- 22 NRDC is currently supporting legislation
- 23 to promote fuel efficient tires; specifically
- labeling system, the development of standards and
- 25 consumer information on fuel efficient tires.

1	According to a CEC consultant report the
2	technology exists to make the tires more fuel
3	efficient. Consumers would also save money at the
4	gas pump. Fuel efficient tires pay for themselves
5	in about one year. And thereafter put money back
6	into the drivers' pockets. According to the CEC
7	consultant report, a driver would save \$50 to \$150
8	in reduced gasoline costs for the initial
9	investment of just \$5 to \$12 for a set of four
10	tires.
11	If found that California could save
12	approximately 300 million gallons of gasoline
13	annually if its passenger fleet were equipped with
14	low rolling resistance tires. And consumers would
15	save more than \$470 million annually at current
16	retail prices, or approximately \$1.4 billion over
17	the three-year lifetime of a typical set of
18	replacement tires.
19	Therefore, we'd like to thank you, CEC,
20	for this wonderful work in the area and for your
21	appropriate goals and recommendations set forth by
22	staff. Thank you.
23	MS. BROWN: Thank you very much. I

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might note for the audience that the report that

she is referring to was prepared by the Energy

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1 Commission under Senate Bill 1170, and it is on

- 2 our website. It's a California State tire
- 3 efficiency program report with recommendations.
- 4 So if those of you want to look into that further.
- 5 Thank you very much.
- 6 Mr. Eaves.
- 7 MR. BEMIS: Susan, before he starts, we
- 8 also included that in our report. It's part of
- 9 our near-term options are the -- tires.
- 10 MR. EAVES: Good morning, my name is
- 11 Mike Eaves. I'm with the California Natural Gas
- 12 Vehicle Coalition.
- I really commend the team, the Energy
- 14 Commission and the Air Resources Board, on an
- 15 excellent report and study. This is extremely
- 16 comprehensive and I've got to admit that since the
- 17 report has been published I have not had time to
- 18 cover everything in detail. But I will try to do
- 19 a better job by the June 6th deadline.
- I'd like to make a couple of
- 21 observations or questions and comments. Number
- one, on page 12 of the presentation, looking at
- 23 the efficiency options there's a projection in
- 24 there at the top where light duty 10 percent
- 25 penetration of diesel into light duty.

1	At the ARB conference in Lake Arrowhead
2	last week we got a large dose of the European
3	experience that has up to 70 percent penetration
4	in some countries of light duty diesels.
5	And I was wondering if any analysis has
6	been done, if there would be greater diesel
7	penetration in light duty, what that does to the
8	refinery mix and what that does to both pricing
9	for diesel and gasoline.
10	Secondly,
11	MS. BROWN: Would you like us to respond
12	to that one first?
13	MR. EAVES: Yes, please.
14	MS. BROWN: Gerry.
15	MR. BEMIS: Could you restate it,
16	please? I was writing.
17	MR. EAVES: I was interested if you've
18	looked at some sensitivity analysis on higher
19	penetrations of diesel into the light duty market.
20	And what that does to change the diesel to
21	gasoline refinery mix that's really important in

MR. BEMIS: You raise an important point
and that is we really did not do any supply side

the pricing scenarios for both diesel and

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- 1 analysis of fuels. Whether it was biodiesel or
- 2 changing between gasoline and diesel which is
- 3 really what you're talking about, and how it might
- 4 affect that product slate at the refinery.
- 5 That's a supply side kind of analysis.
- 6 And when Dan was saying that we needed to do more
- 7 work in some of these areas, they were basically
- 8 supply side analyses that we haven't yet done.
- 9 So we don't really have an answer to
- 10 that. But it says 10 percent because, on that one
- 11 particular slide because we analyzed light duty
- 12 diesels using a methodology that was consistent
- for all of the -- for the nonpetroleum fuels. We
- 14 happened to do light duty diesel in that same
- manner.
- 16 And for all of those we used a --
- 17 because we couldn't forecast what the market
- 18 penetration would be, for example for CNG light
- duty vehicles, or propane vehicles, or light duty
- 20 diesel vehicles, we assumed a 10 percent market
- 21 penetration.
- 22 MR. EAVES: Okay. Thank you.
- MR. BEMIS: And that's not a forecast;
- that's just done for comparative purposes.
- MR. EAVES: A very sensitive issue for

1 the natural gas vehicle industry and the natural

- gas industry is found on page 10 of the
- 3 presentation where you discuss the over-reliance
- 4 on natural gas.
- 5 I'd like to point out that in addition
- 6 to natural gas being used in the residential,
- 7 commercial, industrial, even power generation
- 8 markets, that in the scenarios that you've looked
- 9 at natural gas would be consumed in several
- 10 different venues.
- 11 One for CNG and LNG vehicles. One for
- 12 the Fischer Tropsch additive for diesels. And
- 13 number three is for the source and supply of
- 14 manufacturing that feedstock going into hydrogen
- as envisioned by the Department of Energy well out
- past 2020. It's envisioned that natural gas is
- going to be the source of hydrogen.
- 18 So that over-reliance of natural gas is
- 19 really in three key areas that the Commission is
- looking at. And we don't want to be singled out.
- 21 I would hope that policies and everything don't
- 22 try to assume that bias that we have to preserve
- 23 natural gas because on the opposite of the coin,
- not gasoline and diesel, where as one of the first
- 25 few slides shows that there's potentially a great

1 import demand for refined products into

- 2 California.
- 3 So, supply and demand is really going to
- 4 address natural gas; and it's also going to
- 5 address the diesel and gasoline.
- 6 My third comment, on page 9 it notes
- 7 that the cost of the infrastructure for
- 8 alternative fuels is high. And being a pioneer of
- 9 the natural gas vehicle industry for 15 years,
- 10 yeah, that's one of the things that's a major
- 11 concern.
- 12 But you have to recognize that
- infrastructure only represents about a quarter or
- 14 third of the total costs, and we're talking about
- vehicle costs and infrastructure costs of
- 16 alternative fuels. And that fuel cell vehicles
- 17 are going to have the same type of issues, you
- 18 know, regarding the infrastructure costs.
- 19 And we do recognize there are going to
- 20 have to be policies that are going to support that
- 21 type of infrastructure development for any of the
- options that you've discussed.
- 23 An additional comment, on page 14 where
- 24 you show the net benefits. If you look at the
- 25 comparison of fuel cell vehicles at the bottom of

the page and CNG light duty vehicles about half
way up the page, I'm going to have to go look at
the data and everything to try to analyze it more
closely, but you really have to realize that the
onboard fuel systems for fuel cell vehicle and a
CNG vehicle are nearly identical with the fuel
cell vehicle storage potentially being more

I know there's differences in the fuel efficiency of the vehicles, but my current Honda GX Civic has a fuel economy of over 31 miles per gallon on natural gas. And so I don't intuitively see the difference in why fuel cell vehicles should be that much higher. I realize there are emission benefits, environmental benefits, but I think on the cost side of the infrastructure and the cost of the vehicles, potentially that that would say that there's not that much difference between light duty CNG and the fuel cell.

20 My last comment --

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21 MR. BEMIS: Can I respond to that?

MR. EAVES: Yes, go ahead.

MR. BEMIS: Since I've got -- yeah,

24 we -- I think it mainly is the efficiency

differences. We have a much higher, on a gasoline

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gallon equivalent basis we use 53 miles per gallon
for the hydrogen fuel cell and we use --
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- 3 MR. EAVES: That certainly helps --
- 4 MR. BEMIS: -- and we use 20 for the CNG
- 5 vehicle, as an average light duty vehicle.
- 6 Compared to an average gasoline car of 21.2.
- 7 MR. EAVES: Well, I think that that's
- 8 one of the things that maybe should be considered
- 9 is that as far as the general public goes in
- 10 transportation, something like the Honda Civic
- dedicated natural gas at 30 miles per gallon is
- 12 probably more representative of the consumer
- market than a Ford Crown Victoria at 18 miles per
- 14 gallon.
- So, I think that that does change the
- 16 numbers. But as you're moving to displace
- gasoline you're going to be looking at the
- 18 alternate fuel options are going to be tackling
- 19 the consumer market, as well as the fleet market.
- 20 And I think you have to take that into
- 21 consideration.
- MR. BEMIS: We used an average, quote-
- 23 unquote, typical vehicle for gasoline and for the
- 24 nonpetroleum vehicles that would potentially
- 25 replace that gasoline vehicle. And we used 21.2

1	miles	per	gallon	for	the	conventional	gasoline

- 2 vehicle. And we used 20 for the natural gas
- 3 vehicle. I think because the expectation was it
- 4 would be basically the same vehicle but it would
- 5 weigh more. As I recall.
- 6 MR. EAVES: Yeah, like I say the
- 7 analysis is very thorough and rigorous in its
- 8 analysis, and that's my intuitive look at fuel
- 9 cells versus CNG. And I think that if you start
- 10 looking at a potential consumer market for CNG
- vehicles and high mileage vehicles, that the
- difference between the fuel cell vehicle and the
- natural gas vehicle are going to diminish.
- 14 My last comment that I'd like to make
- and really is in regard to the three
- 16 recommendations. And it really goes in the order
- of the recommendations.
- 18 The first recommendation in setting the
- 19 goals is really goal setting. The recommendation
- 20 number two is really an action item, an action
- 21 item for the state and the federal government to
- 22 work together to negotiate not only amongst
- 23 themselves but with automobile manufacturers on
- the issues of CAFE credits.
- So, number three recommendation, setting

1	the goals for alternative fuels, I think that is
2	very appropriate. But I think there is missing is
3	a recommendation number four, which is potentially
4	state action items and everything to potentially
5	negotiate with vehicle manufacturers for the

6 availability of some of the types of vehicles that

7 you would like to see.

And also, maybe, potentially negotiation with fuel providers, oil companies and/or other fuel providers that are in the market, to try to negotiate how that infrastructure ends up getting deployed.

As I think you all recognize alternative fuels is a chicken-and-egg scenario, and assistance on the infrastructure side goes a long way to helping the market go. So, in terms of that, that fourth recommendation may be slanted more towards fuel providers and looking at aggressive options to make sure that fuel is provided when and where you need it.

So, anyway, I will look forward to making further comments in the hearing and submitting written comments. But, I appreciate this opportunity. Thanks.

MS. BROWN: Thank you very much.

1 Comments or questions? Yes. Come to the

- 2 microphone, please. Is your question for Mr.
- 3 Eaves?
- 4 MR. WORRELL: It's for both.
- 5 MS. BROWN: Okay, would --
- 6 MR. WORRELL: Gerry and Mr. Eaves.
- 7 MS. BROWN: -- you hang on there a
- 8 minute, Mr. Eaves. And please come to the mike.
- 9 MR. WORRELL: Eric Worrell. What I'd
- 10 like the two of you to kind of discuss a little
- 11 bit more is how most of the fuel cell vehicle --
- talk towards the issue of regenerative braking,
- 13 which is a major -- because fuel cell vehicles are
- 14 naturally set up for that, having an electric
- motor and not having the weight of the recip motor
- in it. So that's a major advantage to the fuel
- 17 cell vehicle.
- 18 Also you didn't talk about -- I didn't
- 19 catch anything on CNG as the fuel for fuel cell
- vehicles, makes a lot more near-term sense than
- 21 the hydrogen does. The infrastructure is already
- started to be in place; the safety issues are a
- lot lower; lot less difficult safety issues to
- 24 solve for CNG.
- So, would you talk to those two issues?

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1	MR. EAVES: Regarding using CNG on board
2	for fuel cells, fuel cells need hydrogen. And
3	adding CNG onto the vehicle would require an
4	onboard reforming operation and cleaning their
5	resultant hydrogen from the natural gas.
6	Most of the vehicle manufacturers are
7	obviously looking at onboard reforming operations
8	for gasoline and other liquid fuels, but those
9	have technology hurdles and everything that are
10	beyond the CNG industry to address those. Those
11	have really become a vehicle issue for the
12	manufacturer to address.
13	MR. BEMIS: Yeah, I guess I can add to
14	that we did look at onboard reforming for
15	gasoline, but we did not for any other fuel
16	because there was at least some industry interest
17	in that option. And so we included that.
18	Responding to your other question about
19	regenerative braking. We assumed a fuel cell
20	only; we didn't look at a hybrid fuel cell battery
21	combination where you could possibly use the
22	battery for some regen braking. So there wasn't
23	any regen in ours.
24	I have heard very recently of some
25	potential use of a reversing kind of fuel cell,

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but I don't know anything about it. And that, you

- 2 know, potentially could be used to basically
- 3 generate the hydrogen while you're braking or
- 4 something, I don't know.
- 5 But it sounds like it's kind of not
- 6 feasible without some battery on board to absorb
- 7 the energy from the braking.
- 8 MS. BROWN: Okay, let us first go to Mr.
- 9 Wuebben who has a question for Mr. Eaves.
- 10 MR. WUEBBEN: Yeah, Mike, I appreciate
- all your comments, and I don't want to put you on
- the spot, but perhaps either now or on the June
- 13 6th meeting I wonder if you have any thoughts on
- 14 what suggestions you might bring to us related to
- 15 LNG, both perhaps in the small scale arena, which
- I know you've had some experience, and in the
- 17 larger scale, because it would seem that there may
- 18 be some synergies that might exist that would
- 19 possibly enhance what we're trying to do here.
- 20 But I wanted to get your perspectives on the
- 21 possible strategic role of LNG.
- MR. EAVES: Well, I think that the
- 23 strategic role of LNG is probably pretty high in
- 24 this scenario. LNG is a liquid fuel for heavy
- 25 duty trucks and heavy duty vehicles, obviously to

save space and weight on the vehicle. And the cost of the fueling system, et cetera.

a source for CNG.

But LNG is also an excellent source of CNG for CNG vehicles. In fact, at a California/
NGV partnership meeting yesterday at South Coast one of the transit operations, OmniTrans, a report a gentleman presented information from that study that said that they were delighted, they were a transit property that were CNG that converted over to LNG. And they had gone from \$300,000 maintenance cost to \$30,000 a year maintenance costs. That the operating costs, you know, was significant, savings were significant using LNG as

And frankly, I believe that if we were in a -- if we were doing, you know, starting today developing a natural gas vehicle market, we would be from a cost competitive standpoint would be looking more towards LNG as a source of CNG.

So I think you don't have to look at it as potentially an LNG market over here and a CNG market over here. It could be an LNG market supplying two different segments. And obviously there's a lot of economies of scale if you do that.

1	But I think that LNG has got a pretty
1	But I think that his flas got a pretty
2	bright future supplying both of those markets in
3	California. Therefore, any type of state policies
4	that could encourage LNG production within the
5	state would be very beneficial.
6	MS. BROWN: Dr. Frank, you had a
7	question for Mr. Eaves or for staff? You have to
8	come to the microphone.
9	DR. FRANK: That was a good report on
10	CNG and LNG, but I'm surprised a little bit about
11	Gerry Bemis' comment that the hydrogen fuel cell
12	was rated at 53 miles per gallon when the CNG
13	vehicle was given the 20 mile per gallon rate. It
14	all, somehow know that the thermodynamics doesn't
15	seem to work right.
16	Because in creating hydrogen from CNG
17	you've taken the carbon and CO2 and the energy
18	from carbon and thrown it away. With CNG, if it's
19	burning correctly, it should get you're burning
20	both the carbon and you're getting all the energy
21	from the hydrogen and carbon in the CNG.
22	So, when you strip away half the
23	molecules and the energy content of CNG how can
24	you end up with higher fuel economy?

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MR. BEMIS: I was speaking from tank to

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1 wheels, basically.
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DR. FRANK: Oh, yeah, well --
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3 MR. BEMIS: It wasn't fuel -- the

4 upstream stuff was done in task one. I was

focusing on the data that we use for task three.

6 DR. FRANK: Well, then I think that may

be a flaw in the report because that, of course,

8 gives you a very much higher rating for hydrogen

than if you spoke from CNG or from the tank to the

wheels.

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11 Anyway, but that was a first comment.

12 The second comment about fuel cells and

13 regenerative braking, yes, there is research being

done on different kind of fuel cell. It's a

hydrogen fuel cell. But using metal hydride

16 batteries as a base, metal hydride.

17 And fundamentally that is the only kind

of fuel cell that could become regenerative. But

19 that is a long long distance in terms of research.

20 So just a couple comments.

21 MR. BEMIS: Right, and just to sort of

complete the thought on the other issue, basically

we assume that those effects are incorporated in

the retail prices of the fuels. And therefore it

is appropriate for us to look at tank to wheels.

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                   DR. FRANK: Okay, so in other words,
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         what you're saying is all of your computations are
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         tank to wheels.
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                   DR. FRANK: Okay, the economics are
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         based on tank --
                   MR. BEMIS: The economics for task
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         three.
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                   DR. FRANK: I see.
                   MR. BEMIS: Then there were
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         externalities. Because we were looking at it from
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         a consumers' perspective and then from a
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         government perspective, okay. The consumer
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         doesn't buy raw materials and make hydrogen and
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         strip out the C from the H. Industry does that.
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                   DR. FRANK: Yeah.
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                   MR. BEMIS: The consumer buys the fuel,
         okay. And so we wanted to know what is the
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         incremental cost of using technology A compared to
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         the cost of a conventional vehicle.
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government. Because we took into account the

effect of the existing tax structure in terms of

impacting government revenue. And we called that

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1 the direct net benefit.
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- DR. FRANK: Okay, that assumes --
- 3 MR. BEMIS: And then we'd look at the
- 4 non, look at the environmental impacts, the
- 5 externalities were done in task three.
- DR. FRANK: Right. That assumes, of
- 7 course, that we have an infrastructure for
- 8 delivering hydrogen and a storage technique for
- 9 onboard hydrogen storage.
- 10 The alternative is what General Motors
- is doing, which is reforming onboard.
- MR. BEMIS: Yeah, we looked at hydrogen
- where you do the reforming offboard. And we
- 14 looked at gasoline where you do the reforming
- onboard. Both of those types of fuel cells are
- included.
- DR. FRANK: I remember reading that.
- 18 Okay, thank you.
- 19 MS. BROWN: Thank you, both. Mr. Eaves,
- 20 anything further?
- 21 MR. EAVES: No, thank you.
- MS. BROWN: Okay. Thank you. I see a
- 23 number of other parties in the audience I know are
- 24 wanting to make comments. Elisa Lynch, would you
- 25 come forward.

1		MS.	LYNCH:	Thank	you.	My nar	me's	Elisa
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And we're here today, as everyone knows,
to look at ways to reduce petroleum dependence.

And when we step back a moment and look at why the
Legislature asked your agencies to do this,
there's basically three reasons that petroleum

dependence is a problem for the state.

Number one, it's an energy security problem. Oil comes from politically unstable and economically unstable regions. A lot of it comes from out of the country. The supply is inherently limited because it's not renewable.

The second reason that petroleum is a problem for the state is price volatility. And that was specifically addressed in your report as one of the reasons that we're doing this.

A third reason is pollution. And the state is already mandated under other legislation to look at ways to improve air quality. And since AB-2076 was passed, the state is also looking at greenhouse gases, specifically the Air Resources Board is looking at ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from passenger vehicles.

1	So I think it's important when we look
2	at objectives for reducing petroleum to harmonize
3	with these other objectives for reducing
4	pollution.

There are basically two ways to address petroleum demand. One is to use less petroleum, and another is to use alternatives. And I'm just going to address some brief comments today to the second category which is alternative fuels.

The only alternative fuel that you specifically highlight in your recommendations was Fischer Tropsch diesel. And Fischer Tropsch diesel does meet the letter of the law. It's not a petroleum fuel.

However, a concern that it doesn't achieve the overall benefits, the intended benefits of petroleum reduction. The first being energy security. Fischer Tropsch diesel comes from natural gas which comes from the same regions that we get oil from. So it has the same vulnerability in terms of energy security and supply.

In terms of price it doesn't reduce price for consumers. It looks like it increases price. And, again, it's subject to some of the

same volatility issues that are related t	0.
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- 2 petroleum fuels because of where it comes from.
- And the third issue in terms of
- 4 pollution it looks like it's about the same as
- 5 petroleum-based diesel on criteria air pollutants.
- 6 But in terms of greenhouse gases it has a very
- 7 negative benefit. According to the numbers in
- 8 your report switching to a 33 percent Fischer
- 9 Tropsch diesel blend would increase greenhouse gas
- emissions by 23 million tons by the year 2030.
- 11 This is a real concern for us, given the mandate
- that the Air Resources Board has to reduce
- greenhouse gas emissions from the passenger
- 14 vehicle sector.
- I know that with Fischer Tropsch diesel
- 16 we're looking at the heavy duty vehicle sector.
- 17 But it doesn't make sense to be putting a lot of
- 18 resources on the one hand into reducing greenhouse
- 19 gas, and this is from one part of the
- 20 transportation sector, while recommending a fuel
- 21 that's going to increase greenhouse gas emissions
- in the other part of the sector.
- So I would definitely encourage you to
- 24 reexamine your recommendation for use of --
- 25 increased use of Fischer Tropsch diesel.

1	There were other fuels that you did
2	consider, however, that I believe do achieve
3	overall benefits for the states. One that stands
4	out is biodiesel. A 20 percent blend of biodiesel
5	would instead of increasing greenhouse gas
6	emissions, according to the numbers in your
7	report, would reduce greenhouse gas emissions 127
8	million tons by 2030

This is very significant. It's similar to the greenhouse gas reductions that your report shows for government fleets, efficient tires and there's a third thing which I didn't write down.

But it's definitely going in the right direction in terms of greenhouse gases. It's a renewable fuel so it's inherently not something that we're going to run out of. It's not a foreign fuel. It avoids the political and economic risks of relying on fossil fuels like natural gas, as we would with Fischer Tropsch diesel.

It costs the same or less as Fischer

Tropsch diesel according to the numbers from what

I can tell. And it preserves air quality

benefits.

For the light duty vehicle side I would also encourage you to look more closely at

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1 renewable fuels. And I was glad to hear today
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- 2 that you believe that there is more work to be
- 3 done looking at ethanol.
- I think if you look closely at ethanol,
- 5 particularly with a low blend, you'll find it also
- 6 meets these same criteria for achieving real
- 7 economic, environmental and energy security
- 8 benefits for the state.
- 9 So, basically that's all I'm going to
- 10 address today. We're going to submit some written
- 11 comments, but I would really encourage you, as I
- 12 said, to take a closer look at your recommendation
- for Fischer Tropsch diesel.
- 14 Thank you.
- MS. BROWN: Go ahead, Gerry.
- MR. BEMIS: Yeah, I guess I want to
- 17 respond to at least part of what you said. I
- 18 appreciate your comments.
- 19 Our analysis indicates that biodiesel
- 20 costs guite a bit more than diesel or FT diesel.
- 21 And your comments regarding FT diesel were focused
- 22 solely on the greenhouse gas emissions portions of
- it, where our analysis looked at greenhouse gases
- 24 plus other effects, and it was more comprehensive.
- MS. LYNCH: Also energy security is

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1 another big piece of looking at Fischer Tropsch
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- 2 diesel versus a renewable fuel.
- 3 MR. BEMIS: Um-hum.
- 4 MS. LYNCH: And I'll look again at the
- 5 numbers. From what I looked at in the options
- 6 report it looked like the biodiesel was 2 to 8
- 7 cents per gallon or something increase in cost
- 8 which looked similar to the cost for Fischer
- 9 Tropsch diesel. But I'll look at it again, I may
- 10 have been mistaken.
- 11 MR. WUEBBEN: I've got a quick question
- 12 regarding your concerns about natural gas. I
- wondered, just to clarify, is it your assertion
- 14 that Middle Eastern OPEC countries essentially
- 15 have the same relative amount of reserves as a
- 16 fraction of the total for natural gas as they do
- 17 for oil?
- MS. LYNCH: I was quoting directly -- I
- 19 didn't quote directly, but I was going on a
- 20 statement that was actually in the options report
- 21 about Fischer Tropsch diesel, saying that it comes
- from the regions with the same economic and
- 23 political instability as petroleum.
- MR. WUEBBEN: That was a general
- 25 comment, but --

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1 MS. LYNCH: A general comment.
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- 2 MR. WUEBBEN: But it seemed that you 3 were taking that a step further and isolating or
- 4 assuming that there is literally no difference in
- 5 security implications for those fuels.
- MS. LYNCH: There may be a difference.
- 7 However, I think there are much greater benefits
- 8 to go into a renewable fuel when you look at it
- 9 from that perspective of energy security.
- MS. BROWN: Thank you.
- 11 MR. FONG: Susan, our analysis for the
- 12 external costs of petroleum dependence does
- include an element for energy security.
- MS. BROWN: Dan, do you recall how
- 15 Fischer Tropsch diesel and biodiesel compare on
- that oil externality in cost, because I think that
- gets to the issue that Ms. Lynch is raising.
- 18 MR. BEMIS: It's on page 15 of the
- 19 presentation today.
- 20 MR. FONG: Unfortunately the scale of
- 21 this graph is probably not adequate to look at the
- 22 details for those smaller type options. In our
- analysis, though, because of the higher costs for
- 24 what we call the B100, that's the pure form of the
- 25 biodiesel, when blended in with diesel to make

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B20, there is a much higher cost to the consumer.
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- 2 It therefore forces the sum of those three cost
- 3 elements into the negative region for direct net
- 4 benefits.
- 5 There is a component there that's
- 6 relatively large that is for the external costs of
- 7 petroleum dependency. That includes an energy
- 8 security consideration.
- 9 MR. BEMIS: I know that it's greater for
- 10 FT diesel than it is for biodiesel.
- MS. TUTT: That's only because it's 33
- 12 percent biodiesel and 2 percent -- or 2 percent
- 13 biodiesel and 33 percent Fischer Tropsch. If you
- 14 looked at 33 percent biodiesel and 33 percent
- 15 Fischer Tropsch you'd have the same external cost
- savings.
- MR. BEMIS: Maybe so.
- MS. BROWN: Good point. Anything
- 19 further on that issue? Okay, I see a number of
- other parties. Would you like to come forward and
- 21 make a statement? Or I could start calling on
- 22 names.
- 23 (Laughter.)
- MS. BROWN: Ms. Jones; Mr. McCabe, the
- 25 usual suspects are present and accounted for.

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1	(Laughter.)
2	MR. McCANN: Richard McCann, that's
3	M-c-C-a-n-n, from M3 (Cubed) representing Diesel
4	Technology Forum.
5	I read the report with a fair amount of
6	interest. We've been involved actually I think
7	probably for a couple of years. This thing keeps
8	on coming around, rolling around.
9	I'm going to limit it to a question. We
10	have a lot more extensive comments, but before we
11	can make our comments we need to get some
12	questions answered.
13	And the first one is for light duty
14	diesel, which group is it in? Because in the
15	report it's in both group in some places in
16	group one, and in other places in group two.
17	Then Gerry's comment about how the
18	market forecast was developed for light duty
19	diesel seemed to tell me it's in group two. So
20	I'm a little confused as to what group it's in.
21	MR. BEMIS: The answer to the question
22	is it's in group one. The analysis that was done

MR. McCANN: Okay, and there are places

But it's in group one.

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for it was consistent with the group two options.

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in the report where it's in --
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- MR. BEMIS: And it's not a forecast;
- 3 it's not a forecast.
- 4 MR. McCANN: Right.
- 5 MR. BEMIS: I want to make that clear to
- 6 everybody in this room that those, all of the
- 7 technologies that were evaluated with what I call
- 8 the group two spreadsheet, including light duty
- 9 diesel, were based upon a 10 percent market
- 10 penetration so that we could compare the
- 11 technologies. And they're not a forecast.
- MR. McCANN: Right. And that would
- 13 argue for including light duty diesel in group
- 14 two. But if you're turning to -- if it is in
- group one, the next question is --
- MR. CACKETTE: Let me answer, it's in
- group one for a reason. The reason is we
- 18 considered it as a technology that could be used
- 19 to meet the CAFE recommendation. And not as a
- 20 technology that should be encouraged or advocated
- in a separate manner.
- 22 So it's clearly, the analysis shows that
- 23 it can meet emission standards, it has improved
- 24 efficiency, it has CO2 benefits, et cetera. All
- 25 those things fit in well with other technologies

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- 2 electric vehicles analyzed separately, either.
- 3 That's another technology that's viewed as part of
- 4 a menu that would be used to meet an improved
- 5 vehicle efficiency standard.
- 6 MR. McCANN: And turning to the hybrids,
- 7 that actually raises the next question which is
- 8 there is a market forecast for hybrid penetration
- 9 rate in this document. But there isn't one for
- 10 light duty diesel. But they're both assumed to be
- 11 used to achieve CAFE standards.
- 12 There's actually even a broader market
- 13 forecast for the whole range of technologies that
- are going to be used to meet CAFE standards or any
- changes in CAFE standards in this model, because
- 16 you actually changed the mix of mid-sized cars,
- 17 full-sized cars, all of that, in each of the
- 18 subsequent years. So you are making forecasts
- 19 about how the market penetration rate will change
- for gasoline-fueled cars in the future.
- 21 But you don't do the same thing for
- 22 light duty diesel. When, in fact, you have the
- 23 tool to do that for light duty diesel. You have
- 24 the CALCARS model, which --
- 25 MR. CACKETTE: But I think the --

1 MR. McCANN: -- which is available to do

- 2 that.
- 3 MR. CACKETTE: -- I think the
- 4 fundamental --
- 5 MR. FONG: I'd like to respond to that
- 6 point, Tom. Let me provide some more detail here.
- 7 In order to really treat the light duty
- 8 diesel case in a manner that was similar to our
- 9 other fuel economy cases, we needed to know more
- 10 accurately the characteristics and economics tied
- 11 to a potential light duty diesel deployment across
- 12 13 different vehicle classes.
- 13 We felt that we did not have
- 14 sufficiently usable information to do that in a
- 15 legitimate manner. We based many of our fuel
- 16 economy cases on some detailed work performed by
- 17 the National Research Council, and the American
- 18 Council for an Energy Efficient Economy.
- 19 Those analyses did, in fact, have the
- 20 sufficiently detailed information across these
- 21 vehicle classes to then allow us to do a
- legitimate analysis on a deployment for those
- 23 technologies across these different vehicle
- classes.
- Yes, we recognize that there's a lot of

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1 advancement occurring for light duty diesel

- engines, primarily in the heavier vehicle classes.
- 3 But we don't have, we felt, enough information to
- 4 apply that kind of limited knowledge across the
- 5 full slate of vehicles that we were trying to
- 6 model.
- 7 And so instead we combined the light
- 8 duty diesel analysis in with the fuel substitution
- 9 analysis and limited the market penetration for,
- 10 again, comparison purposes only to a 10 percent
- 11 limit.
- We recognize that if the manufacturing
- industry is successful in developing light duty
- 14 engines that meet California's air quality
- 15 constraints they have then passed a significant
- 16 threshold and could then find their way into many
- more vehicle classes.
- 18 And we believe in the next few years
- 19 we'll have perhaps more information about the
- 20 performance and cost relationships for those types
- of options. And then we could do a much more
- 22 detailed economic comparison against the
- 23 conventional gasoline choice that consumers will
- have. So it will be a fair comparison then.
- So, yes, we understand that, you know,

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- but we believe it's still representative of how a
- 3 light duty diesel vehicle would compare to a
- 4 conventional gasoline vehicle.
- 5 MR. McCANN: Actually, though, given the
- fact that in Europe there's an entire fleet range
- 7 of vehicles offered, and that the market
- 8 penetration on the continent is 40 percent for
- 9 light duty diesel vehicles, --
- MR. FONG: Again, we're using --
- MR. McCANN: -- appear to have that cost
- information readily available.
- 13 MR. FONG: Again, we're using economic
- 14 conditions that we believe will be prevalent here
- in California, not in the different European
- 16 nations, which unfortunately are, in one sense
- 17 they've skewed the playing field in Europe to
- 18 emphasize the purchase --
- 19 MR. McCANN: No, my comment isn't about
- 20 the demand for light duty diesel vehicles. My
- 21 comment is the fact that there is an entire range
- of vehicle types offered in Europe, regardless of
- whether it's 40 percent penetration or not, or
- 24 whatever the demand is in Europe.
- There is an entire range from compact

cars, subcompact cars all the way up to very	large
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- 2 vehicles. And there is cost data available for
- 3 that entire fleet of cars. So that it's
- 4 disingenuous to say that there's not cost
- 5 information available on light duty diesel
- 6 vehicles. It is available.
- 7 MR. FONG: That's not what I said. I
- 8 said there was not sufficient information that we
- 9 felt confident enough to apply to the vehicles
- 10 that we were going to model for California.
- 11 MR. McCANN: But the ones that you
- 12 modeled for California is the entire spectrum of
- 13 the fleet. And the cost data is available from
- Europe for the entire spectrum of the fleet.
- MR. FONG: With the exception of
- emission control technology that would then meet
- 17 California emission standards.
- MR. McCANN: And you're speculating
- 19 about emission control costs for other
- 20 technologies, as well. All of your projections
- 21 about meeting the higher emission control costs
- for gasoline vehicles is also speculative. It's
- as equally speculative.
- 24 So that the fact is that you can put the
- 25 light duty diesel vehicle into the same model and

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1 run the same forecast as you do for gasoline
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- 2 fueled vehicles with the same, approximately the
- 3 same range of uncertainty.
- 4 MR. BEMIS: Let me try to contribute.
- 5 Subsequent to our original work with the
- 6 spreadsheets we did, in fact, run the diesel
- 7 option through CALCARS. And using the best guess
- 8 we could make of the incremental cost of diesel
- 9 vehicles for the 13 vehicle classes, as Dan
- 10 mentioned.
- 11 And we got a number that's quite
- 12 consistent with 10 percent. I don't remember
- exactly what the number was, it might have been 9
- 14 percent. But it was somewhere close to 10
- percent.
- So we did that --
- 17 MR. McCANN: Okay, well, we'd like to
- 18 see that.
- 19 MR. BEMIS: We did that as a, what do
- 20 you call it, sort of as a check, as a check, --
- MR. McCANN: Okay.
- MR. BEMIS: -- sensitivity checkpoint.
- 23 And Chris is in the back of the room. You can
- talk to him about that.
- MR. McCANN: Okay, well, you know, if

that's the answer that you got, that's the answer

- 2 you got. And we can live with that answer. It's
- just that we believe that if you're going to treat
- 4 light duty diesel in this way with other fuel
- 5 efficiency technologies, you need to treat it in
- 6 the same manner, in the same way.
- 7 So that that's all we're saying. And if
- 8 that's the forecast that you have, that would be
- 9 good to include in the report.
- 10 So, the other question I had about was
- 11 about treatment of the fuel efficiency, I'll call
- them quote/unquote "options" for fuel economy,
- when in fact, they're scenarios.
- 14 The difference between the ACEEE reports
- and the NRC options are, in fact, have nothing to
- do with options. No one gets to choose the ACEEE
- 17 future over the NRC future. Those are about
- 18 exogenous factors which will affect the
- 19 effectiveness of the technologies and the cost of
- the technologies.
- 21 So that what, in fact, what you've done
- 22 with the fuel economy scenarios is that you have
- 23 shown eight different forecasts. Whereas for all
- of your other technologies what you have done is
- 25 narrowed down those forecasts to one forecast.

1	And so that in fact in the presentation
2	in this report you should basically show the range
3	of those eight forecasts. Or you can separate out
4	the hybrids separately from the other ones and
5	show the range for the two different sets.
6	But presenting all eight of them as
7	though they are options, and you used the word
8	options as though the policy makers can pick
9	between the ACEEE and the NRC futures, they can't
10	MR. BEMIS: I don't think that's
11	MR. McCANN: They cannot pick between
12	those futures.
13	MR. BEMIS: I don't think your
14	characterization if quite correct. We called fuel
15	efficiency an option. And then within
16	MR. McCANN: No, but you
17	MR. BEMIS: And then within fuel
18	efficiency we said here are. Because fuel
19	efficiency was such an attractive option we said
20	here are maybe eight different ways that could
21	unfold.
22	And those are not forecasts. Those are
23	just different views of how the future could look
24	We're saying basically
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1	MR. McCANN: You used the word no,
2	you used the word options, fuel efficiency
3	options. And you lay these out all in the same
4	manner as all of the other options like fuel
5	efficient tires, that sort of thing.
6	You've treated the ACEEE forecast as
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That's the one I want.

though it has the same weight choosing between the ACEEE and the NRC. For policymakers who don't understand these subtleties when they're looking at these charts, if a legislator looks at this, he'll say, oh, I'm going to pick the ACEEE future.

And they will not understand your distinction in this presentation that the ACEEE and the NRC scenarios or options are not ones that they can choose between. And I think that you need to make that distinction. There is not a distinction in this graph, and it does not come across when looking at it.

MR. BEMIS: I see what you're saying.

MR. McCANN: So I just want to emphasize

that point, that you need to work on that.

The next question I have is about the

for the various diesel options. Because going

treatment of fuel savings and fuels displacement

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- 2 four reports, and looking at the difference
- 3 between how you treat medium, heavy duty -- or
- 4 heavy duty vehicles, light duty vehicles, and
- 5 diesel alternative fuels, biodiesel, Fischer
- 6 Tropsch, the conversion factors that end up in the
- 7 task four report are all different.
- 8 For example, with the heavy duty diesel
- 9 vehicles it looks like it's about an 85 percent
- 10 displacement rate. And for light duty diesel
- vehicles it's a 55 percent displacement rate. And
- then for Fischer Tropsch and biodiesel it's 110
- 13 percent displacement rate.
- 14 And that the task three and task one
- 15 analyses are done with one set of numbers to do
- 16 the gasoline equivalent calculation. And then the
- 17 task four report has a different set of numbers
- 18 than what are in task one and task three.
- 19 MR. BEMIS: I don't think that's true.
- 20 We used the same data, the same conversion factors
- 21 with regard to lower heating value content and
- 22 stuff like that, consistently throughout the work.
- MR. McCANN: Well, I can go through
- these numbers with you, but for example, on medium
- 25 heavy duty -- I'll turn to heavy heavy duty

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1 vehicle efficiency, you show a savings of 509
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- 2 million gasoline equivalent gallons per year
- 3 savings in the task three report.
- In the task four report you show 430
- 5 million gasoline equivalent reduction in the year
- 6 2030.
- 7 Light duty diesel vehicles you show a
- 8 net savings of 722 gasoline equivalent reduction
- 9 numbers in task three. And task one implies the
- same number. Then when you turn to task four you
- show a 400 million gallon reduction.
- For Fischer Tropsch you show a 1606
- 13 million gallon reduction in task one. It wasn't
- 14 clear, I couldn't figure it out in task one what
- 15 you calculate there. But then when you turn to
- 16 task four it's 1800 million gallons.
- MS. BROWN: Mr. McCann, I'm going to
- 18 suggest that probably a productive thing would be
- 19 to have you sit down with staff in a separate
- 20 meeting, maybe go through the specific numbers.
- 21 Because I think you know, we're kind of losing
- 22 sight of the main issues here.
- MR. McCANN: Well, actually, I mean a
- 24 workshop is about --
- MS. BROWN: I mean they are important,

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1 and this --
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2	MR. McCANN: details of how the
3	calculations are done. And this is, I'm trying to
4	get down into the core of
5	MS. BROWN: I understand.
6	MR. McCANN: this analysis. And I

view a workshop as a technical opportunity to work on those things. And sometimes it's done in public, that you go through this thing. And maybe there are people here who aren't used to doing technical analyses or aren't interested in that, but the most productive public workshops really get down and dirty into the details.

And so I only have one more question
anyway, so --

MS. BROWN: Okay, go ahead.

MR. McCANN: -- I mean that's really -- and it is, I think that you're right, probably need to go through this at the staff level. But I really want to highlight this as an important issue.

And then finally the one thing that -and we had talked about this with the staff in the
past, there's no presentation in here of the
relative benefits per gallon of reduced petroleum

use. That was one thing that I think we talked

about last fall that was actually going to be

presented in this report, and it's not presented

anywhere in this report.

I just took the data that you had and did something where I was able to rank the relative benefits given the ranges that I could get out of the task one and task three reports for each one of the fuels. And you can show the technologies on the left-hand side, and then show the rankings. And what you're looking for is the low hanging fruit which is out here. And you don't want to deal with the alternatives that are down here.

And this is basically the -- one of the things about the report is that it tends to obscure some of the most cost effective options because they get overwhelmed by ones that produce a large amount of savings, but at a very low amount of benefits.

And you can't see that on the graph, the way that they're presented here. I think that having some sort of ranking like this, you could even end up creating something, if you do that, something like a supply curve that shows how much

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1 you might be able to save at different levels.
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- 2 And I think that that's another step
- 3 that would be useful. With that, I'll conclude.
- 4 Thanks.
- 5 MS. BROWN: Any further comment or
- 6 question? Ms. Phillips, did you want to come
- 7 forward?
- 8 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you. Kathryn
- 9 Phillips with CEERT. CEERT is the Center for
- 10 Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies.
- We're a coalition of environmental organizations
- 12 and renewable technology companies and other
- 13 entities that are interested in reducing the
- 14 dependence and the effects of fossil fuels on our
- 15 environment.
- 16 First, I want to thank staff for the
- 17 hard work that's gone into this. I've tracked
- 18 this for two years. I didn't realize it had been
- a full two and a half years that you've been
- 20 tracking it. I remember when Paul Wuebben had
- 21 dark hair and no grey.
- 22 (Laughter.)
- MS. PHILLIPS: And that was just before
- this report started.
- I know you've put in a lot of effort. I

1 know you've held a number of workshops. I know

- that you've been available certainly when we've
- 3 asked, my environmental colleagues and I have
- 4 asked to have meetings, we've been able to have
- 5 staff meetings. I know that the diesel proponents
- 6 and WSPA have also had a number of meetings with
- 7 you.
- 8 I frankly can't say that I've ever
- 9 witnessed, and I have witnessed a lot of public
- 10 processes, that has been quite as open and where
- 11 you've been quite as available to the public as
- 12 you have been through this one. And I thank you
- 13 for that.
- 14 It's also been a lengthy process, as we
- 15 mentioned, and this report should have been done,
- 16 according to the deadline set by the legislation,
- 17 awhile ago. And I know you got extensions. I'm
- 18 anxious, as I'm sure you are, to see this come to
- 19 a close so that we can start implementing some of
- the recommendations.
- 21 I'll start with some of the specifics on
- 22 what we like about the report and we like very
- 23 much the goal you've set. It's reasonable. It's
- do-able. And most important, it's necessary.
- 25 It's necessary for our environment; it's necessary

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of those reasons in your staff report.

The options for the sort of three-tiered options for meeting that goal are also valuable and well thought through and achievable.

We have some concerns about the potential greenhouse gas impacts of Fischer Tropsch, and you heard comments about that earlier. But otherwise we think it's again reasonable and do-able and necessary, the options you've offered.

The recommended national fuel economy standard of doubling it to approximately 40 miles per gallon, we actually think that might be a little conservative. We saw that ARB's analysis of the scenario could get us up to 45 miles per gallon. But we'll live with 40 miles per gallon. And we hope that the governor accepts your recommendations to push for that sort of approach nationally in congress.

You asked or Dan asked earlier in your presentation that you wanted to solicit some comments on the all-fuel goal, and extending that goal to 2030, for 18 percent to 2030. And this

will come as a shock to you, but I think that
would be a great idea.

Finally, I want to note a couple of
things that we think could be improved in the
staff report, and probably the report overall. I
noticed in the introductory section of the staff
report where you ask why does California need to
reduce its dependence on petroleum, you accurately
and well point out the economic and the sources of
supply and the environmental issues.

But I also think that it would be wise to raise some of the concerns that at least some sectors of both the oil industry and petroleum economists raise, and that is whether or not we'll have a supply, or an extractable supply in the future after 2025, if there will be a peak.

And I know there was a recent workshop that I attended that indicated there was a difference of opinion on when the supply peaks, and whether or not, once it peaks, whether there will be -- how you will extract future oil.

Extraction, to keep the level at what it is now, would require improving technologies, which we'll probably be able to improve technologies, but the question then becomes what environmental price do

1 you pay. And also, what will the cost of that
2 fuel be in the future.

I think it would be wise then to add, as

one of your reasons to bring to policymakers'

attention, one of the reasons for reducing

dependence is this whole controversy about supply;

whether or not there is going to be a supply

8 shortage.

Finally, I always enjoy listening to Richard McCann, and I'm always impressed because I find myself agreeing with some of the things he says, even though he's representing what on paper would be the opposition to what I'm representing.

And one of the things I agree with is that you need to get this -- it would be helpful to get some consistency on whether or not you consider diesel displacement or an efficiency measure. And I think if we recall that the purpose of this report is to find ways to reduce petroleum, and we recall also that diesel is a petroleum product, it doesn't make any sense then to call it a displacement measure. It's definitely an efficiency measure and should be considered as such.

25 Taking that into consideration I think

1 it's also, as an efficiency measure, you have to

- 2 consider some of the realities. And considering
- 3 it, analyzing it as though it's a PZEV kind of
- 4 stretches the imagination at this point, because
- 5 there are no light duty diesel vehicles right now
- 6 that will meet the 2007 standards, the LEVII
- 7 standards.
- 8 And I have hope that the diesel
- 9 manufacturers and the engine manufacturers and the
- 10 automakers will find a way to meet that standard,
- if in fact they plan to bring light duty diesel to
- the market. And I'm certainly hoping they're not
- going to try and weaken the standard any.
- 14 But until they meet that standard I
- don't think it makes sense to consider them as
- 16 being a significant part of the efficiency
- 17 package.
- 18 And finally, I just again want to thank
- 19 you for what you've done. I want to remind you
- 20 that we're anxious to help see some of these
- 21 recommendations implemented. And I think that in
- the long run you'll also find that some of our
- friends in the oil industry will see some benefit
- 24 to expanding the vision for how transportation can
- 25 be run in this country and in this state.

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1 And that in the long run this is going
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- 2 to be a very valuable report to their industry, as
- 3 well. Thank you.
- 4 MS. BROWN: Thank you very much,
- 5 Kathryn. Any comments or questions from the
- 6 panel. Okay, I see a number of other parties that
- 7 have not yet stepped forward. Can I see a show of
- 8 hands of those still wanting to speak? Yes, sir.
- 9 Do you want to come forward. And others, I'd like
- 10 to just see a show of hands. Wonderful, okay,
- 11 good, thanks.
- 12 MR. LARSON: I'm Jim Larson with PG&E,
- 13 Clean Air Transportation Group. I just wanted to
- 14 build on the -- I'm sorry, my last name is spelled
- 15 L-a-r-s-o-n.
- The question brought up earlier by Mr.
- 17 Eaves regarding the table on page 14, I have
- 18 looked into some of the assumptions in task three
- 19 and see that the natural gas light duty vehicles
- and the battery electric vehicles have included in
- 21 their overall costs an additional \$1000 for either
- 22 recharging of electric vehicle or a home fueling
- unit, a Fuelmaker, as was mentioned earlier.
- 24 My question with regards to the fuel
- cell vehicles is I was surprised, as well, to see

1 the fuel cell vehicles scoring so much better, is

- in the hydrogen fueled fuel cell example, does
- 3 that vehicle also have an additional home fueling
- 4 infrastructure cost burdened in its overall
- 5 economics? Obviously the gasoline and methanol
- 6 wouldn't, but --
- 7 MR. BEMIS: Yeah. My recollection is
- 8 that it does not.
- 9 MR. LARSON: Okay. Fuelmaker is, I
- 10 think, targeting that product as a hydrogen
- 11 fueling appliance, if you will, for future
- 12 applications. I've heard them speak of that
- 13 appliance as the existing natural gas home
- compressor as a bridge to ultimately a hydrogen
- unit. So I think that may be appropriate.
- 16 Now, how much difference that's going to
- make in the overall economics, and how those
- 18 vehicles score, I wouldn't know. But I would like
- 19 to see that number. I think that might be a fair
- analysis.
- 21 As a pipeline supplying natural gas
- 22 transmission and distribution service to northern
- 23 California, I'm curious about the assumptions that
- 24 are made with regards to the well-to-tank I guess
- 25 I'll call it, environmental impacts of that

pipeline system. Are those assumptions a national
average? I think they're based out of the GREET
model out of Argonne Labs.

And I've begun to do some research on our company's efforts, working with the EPA natural gas star program, to dramatically reduce our methane emissions, improve compressor efficiencies to reduce NOx emissions, improve valving and dry seals and so forth that are means of reducing our pipeline's overall impacts.

And I'm curious if there's an opportunity to distinguish the northern California pipeline, or maybe the California natural gas pipeline system as something cleaner than the assumptions made in the study. And, again, I don't know what the assumptions made in the study are, if it's a national average. Would it be a worthwhile effort for us to try to distinguish the California pipeline as one that is better than that national average.

MR. BEMIS: It's good to hear that you're making that progress. That's wonderful news. Personally, I don't know if Dan can recall, but since a contractor did that work for the Air Resources Board, I personally don't know what the

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1 assumption was on the emission rate.
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- MS. TUTT: It's a marginal analysis, so
- 3 most of it is natural gas and TIAX, you're here,
- 4 right? It's a natural gas. It's clean, it is not
- 5 the national average. It's a California --
- 6 MR. BEMIS: But his question was for a
- 7 pipeline, I think it was for a pipeline,
- 8 specifically for natural gas pipelines.
- 9 MS. TUTT: Okay. So is it like are you
- 10 saying remote --
- MR. BEMIS: Natural gas pipelines that
- are used to transport gas. And inside the state
- he's saying they've got some remedial efforts,
- 14 whatever, research that could lead to reducing
- 15 emissions from having more efficient compressors
- or cleaner compressors or whatever --
- 17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: California
- 18 pipelines use electric compressors --
- 19 MS. BROWN: Yeah, we need you to come to
- the mike here. Ms. Pont, do you know what was
- 21 assumed?
- MS. TUTT: Yes.
- MS. PONT: (inaudible) --
- MS. BROWN: You have to come to the
- 25 mike, though, to respond.

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- 2 P-o-n-t. And I can't speak to this specific
- 3 analysis, but I know that a model similar to the
- 4 GREET model was used for the well-to-tank
- 5 emissions. And I don't know if we want to try and
- 6 get some comments or some information from you.
- 7 Maybe we can refine the analysis.
- 8 MS. BROWN: I think that's probably a
- 9 good way to handle this, if you could pose your --
- 10 you know, we have your question --
- 11 MR. LARSON: I'll work on it between now
- 12 and the 6th, then.
- MS. BROWN: Well, we won't be doing any
- 14 new analysis, but we can certainly find out what
- 15 was used and clarify that for you. We'll commit
- 16 to do that.
- MR. LARSON: Okay, thank you.
- 18 MS. BROWN: Thank you. Next, I saw a
- 19 hand in the back. Sir, would you like to come
- 20 forward.
- 21 MR. MOSCOE: Good morning, Gregg Moscoe
- 22 from CalStart. And I have basically just two
- 23 questions that I'd like to, you know, get some
- 24 feedback on.
- 25 Given the current trends and, you know,

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- 2 that your assumptions, in terms of the miles per
- 3 gallon and the fuel costs, are realistic and
- 4 really serve what you're trying to eventually
- 5 achieve?
- 6 Because I mean the gas per gallon costs
- 7 are about what we're paying now. And the miles
- 8 per gallon that you're estimating, I mean my car
- 9 gets about 23 miles per gallon, so --
- MR. BEMIS: Yeah, do you want an answer?
- MR. MOSCOE: Yeah.
- MR. BEMIS: The answer is yes, we do
- 13 believe they're realistic. And the reason for
- 14 that is because --
- MR. MOSCOE: Why?
- MR. BEMIS: Okay, I was going to
- 17 explain. And the reason for that is because we
- use an analysis tool called CALSTART (sic), which
- is a simulation model to simulate and to forecast
- 20 gasoline consumption based upon 13 vehicle
- 21 classes, and based upon typical buying patterns of
- 22 how much of each of these class is bought. And
- 23 typical operating rates in terms of miles per year
- for a new car versus one that's a year old, versus
- 25 two years old, et cetera, et cetera, until it goes

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- 2 And all those data get crunched into
- 3 this computer model that spits out the results.
- 4 And the weighted average result for fuel economy
- was on the order of 21, 21.2 miles per gallon.
- 6 And that's what we used for our forecast, --
- 7 MR. MOSCOE: Right.
- 8 MR. BEMIS: -- and that's what we used
- 9 for our analysis of alternatives to the forecast.
- 10 MR. MOSCOE: Okay. Where did the 40
- 11 miles per gallon come in?
- MR. BEMIS: We ran a separate
- 13 spreadsheet where we evaluated what the fuel
- 14 consumption would be if we had a different mix of
- vehicles on the road, --
- MR. MOSCOE: Right.
- 17 MR. BEMIS: -- and they had different
- 18 attributes like they were more fuel efficient.
- 19 And we basically seeded this model with output
- 20 from this CALSTART model --
- 21 MR. MOSCOE: Right.
- MR. BEMIS: -- in terms of vehicle
- 23 percentages and things like that. And then we
- 24 rolled in the new technology starting with 2008 to
- 25 2014 linearly over a seven-year period, assuming

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1 one-seventh per year would penetrate each one of
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- 2 those vehicle classes, to get an idea of what the
- 3 petroleum reduction would be.
- 4 MR. MOSCOE: Right. Do you think we're
- 5 within realistic grasp of that?
- 6 MR. BEMIS: Well, whether or not it was
- 7 appropriate or makes sense for manufacturers to do
- 8 the same level of fuel economy for each of the 13
- 9 classes of vehicles, is probably a level of detail
- 10 beyond which we were able to do right now. But
- our assumption would be that that's an average.
- 12 And that if the manufacturers, or if the buying
- public wasn't interested in buying vehicles, this
- is characteristic it would, on average, be this
- 15 way.
- MR. MOSCOE: Okay.
- MR. BEMIS: So it's not really a
- 18 forecast; it's an evaluation.
- 19 MR. MOSCOE: Right. The other thing
- 20 that I wanted to ask about, and it's probably
- 21 beyond the scope of what you're trying to do, but
- 22 maybe in the future you're looking at, in terms of
- 23 the alternatives, the alternative fuels that might
- 24 be evaluated, which of those technologies or
- 25 choices might be the most effective in terms of

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1 moving consumers away from a mono-fuel model of
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- 2 gasoline. And trying to figure out some way of
- 3 factoring that into the equation.
- 4 MR. BEMIS: I'm sorry, I didn't hear
- 5 your question because I was just being cautioned
- 6 that I was using the wrong term. You're from
- 7 CalStart --
- 8 MR. MOSCOE: Yes.
- 9 MR. BEMIS: And I was calling the model
- 10 CALSTART.
- MR. MOSCOE: Well, I was going to take
- 12 credit for that.
- 13 (Laughter.)
- MR. BEMIS: Okay. It's CALCARS --
- MS. BROWN: You mean CALCARS.
- MR. BEMIS: -- is the model. Excuse me,
- 17 I apologize. Now, if you'd repeat the question,
- now that I've clarified that.
- 19 MR. MOSCOE: No, I was just saying that
- it probably goes beyond what you're trying to do
- 21 here, but maybe for the future you could look at
- 22 which of the technologies, the options might have
- 23 the greatest benefit in terms of moving people
- 24 away from, or weaning them off gasoline towards
- another type of fuel delivery.

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        moving towards hydrogen, you know, what's the best
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        way to approach it to get people away from the
        ARCO and moving over to the GASCO or whatever.
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                   MR. BEMIS: Well, let's get ARCO to do
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        hydrogen.
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                   MR. MOSCOE: Great. All right, thanks.
                   MS. BROWN: Thank you, Gregg. Other
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        presenters or commenters? Or do I start to name
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        names at this point? Thank you, sir, please come
         forward.
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                   MR. FINNEY: Kevin Finney; I'm the
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        California Outreach Coordinator for the Clean
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        Vehicles Program at the Union of Concerned
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        Scientists. We'll be submitting some written
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19 I want to say that just in way of
20 opening that we at UCS certainly see the
21 opportunity to outline a petroleum reduction
22 strategy as an opportunity to simultaneously
23 protect California consumers and the economy as a

that you've done so far today.

comments that will be somewhat more technical. I

want to give a general perspective on the work

whole against future price shocks and instability

25 shortages.

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1	And from the environmental point of
2	view, an opportunity to improve public health; an
3	opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
4	and to reduce the other various harms that
5	petroleum does to the environment in terms of
6	damage to the soil and water and so forth that we
7	depend on in this state in many ways.

So it's our perspective that none of those goals have to be sacrificed in order to move forward in terms of petroleum reduction. And I think on the whole, your report has done a pretty good job of taking that into account.

Let me start just with a brief comment on the goals that you've established. I think you've done a good job of establishing goals that are achievable and yet significant. Our own perspective would be that they should be somewhat more ambitious, especially over the long term. We really need to achieve more significant reductions in petroleum use in order to adequately protect our environment and guard against global warming.

But I think the goals, on the whole, a

But I think the goals, on the whole, a good start. You've met your goal of having a significant first step that is achievable, and yet ambitious.

1	I think where the report, from our
2	perspective, falls a little short is in the
3	recommendations that it puts in place to achieve
4	those goals. And here it's not that we strongly
5	disagree with any of the particular
6	recommendations, but I, in particular, and the
7	organization, as a whole, is just a little
8	suspicious of reports that recommend achieving a
9	goal by calling on another branch of government to
10	accomplish something.
11	And as much as I agree with the call on
12	the federal government to improve fuel efficiency
13	standards and no organization works any harder on
14	this than ours does, we think you haven't been
15	ambitious enough in looking at the options that
16	the state can take. And really recommending that
17	the state enact a series of policies to improve
18	the fuel efficiency of California's fleet of
19	vehicles, not just the state fleet, but the fleet
20	that consumers use throughout the state.

And really, you know, I think there needs to be a specific recommendation outlined that a series of policies be adopted to move the state forward on that goal. We need to look at some of the things that you've examined in your

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- 2 credits to encourage the use of hybrid vehicles.
- 3 There's a number of things here that we could do
- 4 that really need to be articulated a little more
- 5 strongly, I think, in the overall findings.
- 6 We do have reservations, as some of the
- 7 others have expressed, about the recommendation
- 8 for increased use of Fischer Tropsch fuels. That
- 9 that perhaps does result in increased greenhouse
- 10 gas emissions. Again, you know, we see no reason
- 11 that a strategy to reduce petroleum dependence
- 12 should include elements that increase
- 13 environmental harm in one way or another, or
- 14 endanger the public health. And that's why we're
- glad to see that the overall recommendations don't
- seem to include a push for increased use of light
- 17 duty diesel vehicles with the toxic health impacts
- of diesel fuels.
- 19 So I think that it's a good start. We
- 20 can improve it with a greater emphasis on what
- 21 California can do on the policy level to improve
- fuel economy.
- 23 And if we end up getting the ideal
- 24 situation where both the federal government acts
- 25 to improve fuel economy and California enacts a

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1 number of steps to improve fuel economy then we'll
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- 2 be that much further along in achieving the more
- 3 ambitious petroleum reduction goals that we really
- 4 need to down the line.
- 5 So those are our thoughts today.
- 6 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Finney. We
- 7 will, of course, welcome any specific policy
- 8 action steps that your organization would like to
- 9 recommend --
- 10 MR. FINNEY: We'll be putting those in
- in writing.
- MS. BROWN: -- for the final report.
- Great, thank you very much. Other comments? Ms.
- 14 Knudsen.
- MS. KNUDSEN: Hi, I'm Gretchen Knudsen
- 16 with International Truck and Engine Corporation.
- 17 I just want to echo Kathryn Phillips' comments as
- 18 far as the open process and the willingness of
- 19 staff to sit down and go through the technical
- 20 methodologies and the facts, and their willingness
- 21 to really examine the issues. We certainly
- appreciated the opportunity in meetings.
- I think in general we're quite
- supportive of the report. I think that it's very
- 25 reflective of staff's commitment and their word in

- 1 the last two years.
- We just have a few comments. The first,
- 3 I would just like to also address our concern, at
- 4 least the way we read it, on the task three. That
- 5 the task three petroleum displacement figures
- 6 don't seem to be carried forward into task four or
- 7 task one.
- 8 And so if there is an opportunity to sit
- 9 down with staff to understand that better, we
- 10 would appreciate that. It appears to us that
- 11 perhaps the gasoline gallon equivalency was
- 12 applied twice to the same figure, and that may be
- where some of the discrepancy comes from.
- 14 I'd also like to point out in the
- 15 executive summary report on page 6, figure 3. The
- 16 10 percent market penetration for light duty
- 17 diesel, it's a little confusing to the reader if
- somebody's just flipping through the report and
- 19 only looking at the graphs, what that 10 percent
- 20 means. And if it would be possible for staff to
- 21 spell that out a little bit more within the graph,
- it would be helpful.
- I don't think that the reader, just
- looking at the graph, immediately understands that
- 25 the other options are 100 percent, and that that

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one's 10 percent.
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2	As far as the biodiesel and the Fischer
3	Tropsch recommendations, we do appreciate staff's
4	willingness to take a look at those options and
5	assess them so that we, as an engine manufacturer,
6	too can understand what types of impacts those
7	fuels would have.
8	And also, if it would be possible in the
9	executive summary report to I know that you
10	mentioned near term and maybe long term, but
11	they're not really clearly spelled out as far as
12	what those timeframes imply. One says a few
13	years, and the other - it's a little bit
14	ambiguous. If it was possible to spell those out
15	a bit more, I think that that would be useful to
16	policymakers.
17	And then just the last question is a
18	process question. The task three report indicates
19	on the front page that it is final. And so I just
20	wanted to clarify, is staff accepting comments on
21	that task three report, or is that considered
22	final and comments are only being accepted on the

MS. BROWN: Well, as I said before,
we're attempting to encourage the parties to focus

executive summary report?

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- 2 that is probably what the legislature and the
- 3 governor will read. And only take issue where you
- 4 see, you know, egregious technical inconsistencies
- or, you know, order of magnitude issues.
- 6 And the question you have to ask
- 7 yourself is if any technical inconsistencies would
- 8 really change the final ranking or final
- 9 recommendations or goals.
- 10 So, at this point, after two years and
- 11 many of you have been with us through the six or
- seven workshops that we've held, and then the
- several meetings that you've cited that, you know,
- we prefer to move forward from here.
- So, again, to the extent that you can
- 16 focus on the recommendations on the goals we would
- 17 appreciate that level of input.
- MS. KNUDSEN: Great.
- 19 MS. BROWN: And we do stand ready to
- 20 meet with the parties offline, if necessary, even
- 21 this afternoon, if necessary, to you know, pursue
- 22 some of these more detailed technical questions
- 23 along the lines Mr. McCann raised, and others may
- 24 want to raise.
- 25 MS. KNUDSEN: Great. Just one last

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1 comment then. As far as the PZEV designation to
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- 2 light duty, International stands behind the belief
- 3 that we will achieve those PZEV standards, that
- 4 we'll meet the LEVII standards, and would never
- 5 call for relaxation in those standards in
- 6 consideration of this report. Just wanted to
- 7 clarify that.
- 8 And to thank ARB and CEC for the
- 9 willingness to recognize that commitment. Thank
- 10 you.
- 11 MS. BROWN: Thank you very much. Mr.
- 12 Koehler.
- MR. KOEHLER: Thank you. Tom Koehler,
- 14 Kinergy Resources. I have just a couple
- 15 questions. One is, Dan, in your presentation you
- 16 talked about the need for more study on ethanol.
- 17 What about this current report that led you to
- 18 that conclusion?
- 19 MR. FONG: I'm sorry, can you be --
- 20 MR. KOEHLER: What is -- why did you
- 21 make that recommendation? Is there something in
- 22 particular in this current report that led you to
- the conclusion that ethanol scenarios needed more
- 24 study? I'm just trying to garner a little more
- 25 specificity from you.

1	MR. FONG: Yes, again, as Gerry Bemis
2	earlier remarked, we were not using any supply
3	side considerations when we developed some
4	estimates for the fuel or retail fuel prices of
5	these various fuel substitution options.
6	We feel that in the case of the ethanol
7	blending or increased ethanol blending there might
8	be some supply side economic advantages that we're
9	not able to capture in our current analysis. And
10	if those economic advantages were included it
11	might result in a lower retail price for the
12	various ethanol blended, or ethanol cases that we
13	evaluated.
14	And because that fuel price is an
15	important input to our overall cost/benefit
16	analysis, we believe that future work in that area
17	has merit, and might reveal lower retail fuel
18	prices that we can then use in our cost/benefit
19	comparison.
20	MR. KOEHLER: Okay. Were there other
21	items? Or is that the main one, the main driver?
22	MR. FONG: That's the primary item.
23	MR. KOEHLER: So specifically, the price
24	of ethanol per gallon that you used?
25	MR. FONG: Yeah, and there are also some

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- 2 higher alcohol blends that I think we need to
- 3 explore. I mean there's a lot of potential
- 4 disagreement on the emission impact of these
- 5 higher ethanol blended products. And we'd like to
- 6 make sure that everybody's on the same page when
- 7 evaluating those kinds of impacts.
- 8 And that if emissions are impacted in a
- 9 negative way, that we account for potential
- 10 technological additions to the vehicle to then
- 11 eliminate those kinds of emission outcomes. And
- because of that we can then reflect that in the
- incremental vehicle cost.
- 14 MR. KOEHLER: Okay. And then this is a
- 15 more specific question, and if nobody has the
- answer right now then I can do it offline, as
- well.
- 18 But there was a 50 mile transportation
- charge, if you will, on emissions from the, I
- 20 believe, terminal to the stations that --
- MS. BROWN: In appendix A?
- MR. KOEHLER: Yeah, in appendix A. And
- for, for instance, E10. And I was curious to know
- 24 what that is about, and if it's relative to the
- current baseline, how does it differ?

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1 MS. BROWN: Ms. Tutt or Ms. Pont?
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- 2 Either of you have an answer?
- 3 MS. TUTT: I don't know. We can get
- 4 back to you.
- 5 MS. BROWN: -- maybe talk, get back to
- 6 you on that one.
- 7 MR. KOEHLER: Okay.
- 8 MS. BROWN: -- very specific question.
- 9 MR. KOEHLER: Let me ask, this will be a
- 10 more specific question. Who should I chat with
- about the emission? Who? You?
- MS. TUTT: That would be Stephan --
- 13 well, I can -- I'll ask Stephan Unnasch, who was
- our contractor did that.
- MR. KOEHLER: Okay.
- MS. TUTT: He's not here today, but --
- 17 MR. KOEHLER: Okay, great, that's
- 18 perfect.
- MS. BROWN: Is that okay?
- 20 MR. KOEHLER: Yeah. Okay, my final
- 21 comment, I guess, would be in regards to the
- 22 recommendations. I believe that the use of
- 23 renewable fuels needs to be specifically
- 24 mentioned.
- We have, by definition, as we move away

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- 2 are the only sustainable, long-term fuel. And not
- 3 mentioning a specific target for renewable fuels,
- 4 whether that be hydrogen made from renewable, or
- 5 other biofuels, is an oversight which must be
- 6 corrected.
- 7 As a state we've done a good job in
- 8 identifying and point out renewables for the
- 9 electron. And now -- for electricity.
- 10 And we should do the same thing with
- 11 transportation. So, that's my only specific
- recommendation on your recommendations for the 10
- 13 percent.
- 14 Other than I do think we could be more
- 15 aggressive, as well, as far as looking at
- 16 alternative and renewable fuels.
- 17 Thank you.
- MS. BROWN: Thank you for your input. I
- 19 think we'd have to take that one under advisement,
- 20 that last recommendation. We will do that. Thank
- 21 you.
- MR. KOEHLER: Okay.
- MS. BROWN: Other presenters or
- 24 commenters?
- 25 I feel this workshop will not be

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1 complete without hearing from Ms. Grey and Mr.
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- 2 Douglas, since I know you're here present. Would
- 3 you like to make a comment or statement before we
- 4 end today?
- MR. DOUGLAS: No. We've submitted a
- 6 letter.
- 7 MS. BROWN: Okay. And for the record,
- 8 the Automobile Association, the American
- 9 Automobile Manufacturers Association, has
- 10 requested a delay in this proceeding till August,
- 11 which we've referred to our Commissioners for
- 12 consideration.
- 13 Ms. Grey, do you wish to make a
- 14 statement before we --
- MS. GREY: No, thank you.
- MS. BROWN: Okay. Are there others in
- 17 the audience that would want to come forward at
- this point? I can hear those stomachs growling.
- 19 (Laughter.)
- MS. BROWN: Questions, comments from the
- 21 panel, any other statements from the panel?
- 22 MR. FONG: Yeah, I'd like to reemphasize
- 23 again that the illustrative example that we
- 24 portray in this presentation, as well as in our
- 25 summary document, regarding mechanisms that might

be employed to reach the recommended goal really
is only an illustrative example.

Several speakers have mentioned various

other recommendations that we have made. There

really are three recommendations that are in the

document.

Specific fuels that sound like we've given some kind of endorsement, that is not correct. We used those fuels as examples of how they can be combined in an overall strategy to reach the goal that we are recommending.

We are not necessarily recommending, for example, that Fischer Tropsch diesel be the one and only option for substitution in heavy duty vehicles. We're only illustrating how Fischer Tropsch diesel can be combined with a variety of other reduction options that allows us to reasonably reach the goal that we propose.

So I need to make that clear and make sure that the record reflects that we are making only three recommendations. They involve an overall reduction in petroleum fuel demand. They involve the recommendation of doubling new vehicle fuel economy. And they involve a 10 percent alternative fuel usage level by the year 2020.

1	MS. BROWN: Thank you, Dan. And one
2	last word. I am again stressing the invitation to
3	have parties submit written comments to the
4	docket. And that's docket number 1-SRPD-01 by
5	June the 6th.
6	And we will be holding the hearing at
7	9:30 in the Sierra Hearing Room at CalEPA
8	involving Commissioners Boyd, Geesman and ARB
9	Chairman Lloyd on Friday, June 6th, which is three
10	weeks from tomorrow; and should give parties the
11	full 30 days to comment on the summary report.
12	And to the extent that you want to make
13	comments on the technical appendices where you
14	feel there are major egregious inconsistencies, we
15	would also take into account those kinds of
16	comments.
17	So I'd like to invite both written
18	comments and oral testimony at the June 6th
19	hearing.
20	Mr. Eaves?

21 MR. EAVES: Could you give that docket

22 number again?

MS. BROWN: Yes, let me repeat that, 23

24 it's 1-SRPD, Strategy for Reducing Petroleum

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1	And I want to thank everyone for coming
2	today and for I think what's been a very
3	productive interchange between us and you.
4	Thank you very much.
5	(Whereupon, at 12:34 p.m., the workshop
6	was adjourned.)
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